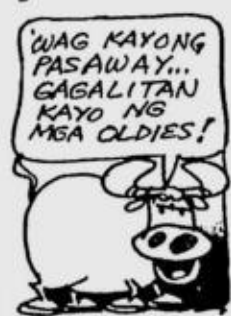


Cops arrest more than 100 persons in Intramuros shabu market raid

No smoking in Senate, journalists tell Chiz



By Dona Pazzibugan
IT BEING ORIENTATION day for the new senators would perhaps have been a convenient excuse for Senator-elect Francis "Chiz" Escudero's blunder right inside
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Michigan removes foreign nurses' test

By Cynthia D. Balana

MICHIGAN NOW HAS A LAW WHICH REMOVES qualifying examinations conducted by the US Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) for nurses from the Philippines and other countries who wish to work in the state.

MICHIGAN/ A23

JPE to Senate: Only court can decide on Trillanes case

By Dona Pazzibugan

SYMPATHIZERS OF SENATOR-ELECT Antonio Trillanes IV in the Senate yesterday were reminded to respect the independence of the court in deciding whether to allow the former Navy lieutenant to attend the upper chamber's sessions and hearings.

Speaking at the weekly press forum at the Senate, Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile said the chamber by a mere resolution could not compel the Makati Regional Trial Court to grant Trillanes bail or to turn him over to Senate custody.

He said the Makati RTC could not be swayed by the fact that the leader of the Oakwood mutiny of July 2003 had been elected senator.

"The court will control his movements; only the court and no one else in our system of government can and will determine whether he will or will not attend [Senate] sessions," Enrile said, adding:

"That decision of the court will depend, not on any consideration, [but on] the nature of the case and the strength of the evidence against him."

Enrile, who has declared himself an independent senator, is with the Senate minority that is allied with the Arroyo administration.

Trillanes is detained at the Philippine Marines brig in Fort Bonifacio while undergoing trial at the Makati RTC on coup d'etat charges and in a general court-martial for conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.

Enrile reminded his fellow senators eager to support a new bail petition for

JPE TO SENATE/ A21

Maguindanao CoCs authentic-Comelec



SAINT AND SIN: It can't get any better than this. When Blessed Mother Teresa walked our land, our own Jaime Cardinal Sin made her laugh so hard. It was the second death anniversary on Thursday of the laughing cardinal and Edsa I icon, which was marked with a Mass at the Manila Cathedral celebrated by his protegee, Bataan Bishop Socrates Villegas.

Bedol critical to solving poll mystery

By Jerome Aning

ELECTIONS INDEED TOOK place in Maguindanao because the municipal certificates of canvass (CoCs), which a Commission on Elections task force had examined, were authentic, Commissioner Nicodem Ferrer said yesterday.

Ferrer, head of Comelec's Task Force Maguindanao, said the copies of the municipal CoCs that were presented by Maguindanao election officers to him and Comelec Chair Benjamin Abalos Sr. in General Santos City the other day appeared to be genuine.

"There is no basis for the claim that they were manufactured. They were carefully stocked and padlocked. I kept them and will turn them over to the en banc," Ferrer said.

The 21 municipal CoCs examined by the Comelec were the second copies that were posted on precinct walls, as well as the fourth copies. Maguindanao has 22 towns.

Ferrer said the task force would also look into the accountability of provincial election supervisor Lintang Bedol over the loss of original copies of the municipal CoCs in his custody. If warranted, Bedol could face criminal prosecution, Ferrer said.

Bedol is key to solving the weeks-old

MAGUINDANA0/ A10

6 EU experts to probe mass graves in Leyte

By Michael Lim Ubac and TJ Burgonio

THE SIX EXPERTS SENT BY THE EUROPEAN Union to investigate the unabated political killings in the country will ascertain whether the mass graves unearthed in Leyte and other provinces by the mili-

tary held the remains of communist purge victims, Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita said yesterday.

According to Ermita, the team that he dubbed "the first RP-EU needs-assessment mission" could help explain the proliferation of mass graves in the country because its members were experts in

the fields of criminal investigation and prosecution.

He said President Macapagal-Arroyo had personally invited the team to come over as part of the EU assistance to the Philippines to solve the political killings.

The experts arrived in Manila on Monday on a 10-day mission.

Ermita said ascertaining the authenticity of the mass graves was crucial to government efforts to unmask the masterminds of the "unexplained killings."

The government has charged Rep. Satur Ocampo of the militant party-list group Bayan Muna and 51 others in con-

6 EU EXPERTS/ A23

10 YEARS AFTER CRISIS

True grit, shattered dreams, warnings for the future

(Second of three parts)

BANGKOK—HE WAS A TYPICAL spoiled child of the so-called Asian economic miracle, a dynamic Thai entrepreneur who dined at fancy restaurants, drove flashy cars and sent his children abroad to summer school.

Sirivat Voravetvuthikun was so deft at picking the right stocks that traders

called him "the Phantom."

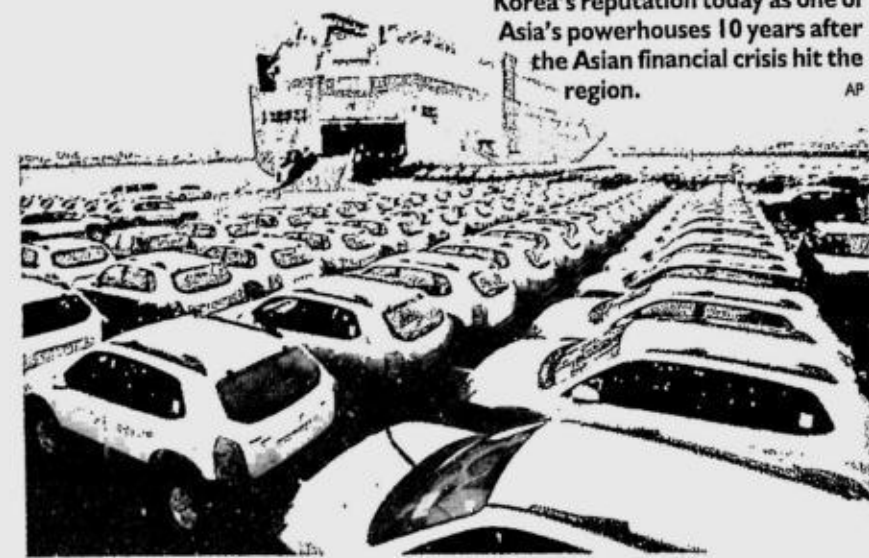
Then, in 1997, the miracle curdled into the Asian financial crisis. Instead of an expensive silk tie, Sirivat strung a yellow foam box around his neck and trudged onto the streets of Bangkok to hawk ham, cheese and tuna sandwiches.

"My wife and I woke up at 3 a.m. in

TRUE GRIT/ A23

BOUNCING BACK: Hyundai Motor is a leading contributor to South Korea's reputation today as one of Asia's powerhouses 10 years after the Asian financial crisis hit the region.

AP



Ex-PDI reporter detained for libel despite posting bail

By Jeannette I. Andrade and Marlon Ramos
Inquirer Southern Luzon

A FORMER INQUIRER CORRESPONDENT who now works for an Asian media outfit was detained for nine hours yesterday by a Quezon City judge despite having posted P20,000 bail in a libel case filed by a Palawan congressman four years ago.

Jofelle Tesorio, of Puerto Princesa City, was brought to the Quezon City Female Dormitory (QCFD) in Camp Caringal based on a commitment order issued by Judge Maria Theresa Yadao of the Quezon City Regional Trial Court's Branch 81.

Instead of signing her release order, Yadao directed a sheriff at around 10:30 a.m. to bring Tesorio to the East Avenue Medical Center for a checkup and subsequently to the QCFD, according to Jose Torres, president of the National Union of Journalists of the Philippines (NUJP).

Tesorio used to cover Puerto Princesa and the rest of Palawan for the INQUIRER but had to leave the island last year because of threats arising from her reportage on the killing of a local broadcaster. She now works for Asia News

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THE PINOY CANNES: PDI vice president for advertising Pepito Olarte raises the Philippine colors while Tay Guan Hin of JWalter Thompson receives the gold from jury president Cannes gold for radio, David Guerrero (right), 1st to hold the post from Southeast Asia.

JWT Manila hits gold, RP's first at Cannes ad festival

By Angel Guerrero
Contributor

CANNES—THE QUEST FOR THE COUNTRY'S first Cannes Gold is over.

On Wednesday, David Guerrero, the first Cannes jury president from South-

east Asia and the Philippines and this year's radio jury president, presented the Philippines' first Cannes Gold Lion to JWT Manila for the Lotus Spa radio campaign during the awards ceremony at the Palais de Festivals in Cannes, France.

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GMA committed to JDV, says solon

Villar has Enrile's vote 'I'll vote for Manny; I like Nene to be minority leader'

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO'S ALIES in the Senate continued to try and shake the confidence of senators in the opposition to pick a common candidate for Senate President ahead of a secret balloting scheduled for today.

The opposition is set to decide who between incumbent Senate President Manuel Villar and Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr. to vote for. Control of the Senate would ensure the opposition would dominate its key committees.

After Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago declared that a united opposition dominating the Senate was an "illusion," Sen. Juan Ponce-Enrile added more fuel to the fire by announcing he would back Villar's reelection because he preferred that Pimentel remain as Minority Floor Leader.

"I will vote for Manny. Why? I don't have to explain why. I like Nene [Pimentel] to be minority leader, he's good," Enrile said.

Enrile said the fact the opposition could not agree on a common leader to rally around showed it was "fragmented."

Lack of support

He said two other opposition senators, Loren Legarda and Mar Roxas, had attempted to make a run for the chamber presidency but gave up for lack of support.

"The (situation) suggests to me that there is no unity when you talk of the Genuine Opposition. It's already fragmented by the two contending leaders—they have different interests, both of them want the same thing," Enrile said at the weekly Kapihan sa Senado.

Only 22 senators so far are going to the 14th Congress after Sen. Alfredo Lim swapped his seat for the mayoralty of Manila and the 12th new senator has yet to be proclaimed.

The opposition claims it has at least 12 members in its fold—seven of the winning Genuine Opposition candidates (Villar, Legarda, Francis Escudero, Panfilo Lacson,

Benigno Aquino III, Alan Peter Cayetano and Antonio Trillanes IV) and five incumbents (Pimentel, Roxas, Rodolfo Biazon, Jamby Madrigal and Jinggoy Estrada).

The opposition scheduled a caucus today before the formal vote for Senate President in order to ensure that their nominee would win and they would get the bulk of the committee chairmanships.

Possible postponement

An opposition senator, who requested anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue, hinted that with so many things still to be ironed out by their side, the secret balloting might be postponed.

The senator said the next Senate President would decide who should head the most coveted committees.

He said Pimentel would likely give Lacson the blue ribbon committee and Roxas the finance committee, while Villar would likely give Sen. Francis Pangilinan, an independent who is his ally in the Wednesday Group, the blue ribbon and Enrile finance.

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO HAS SAID she is "already committed" to House Speaker Jose de Venecia in his bid for a record fifth term as leader of the House of Representatives, according to Deputy House Speaker and Ilocos Sur Rep. Eric Singson.

The President made the statement at lunch with the Northern Alliance group of political leaders in Vigan yesterday, said Singson in a statement sent by the De Venecia camp.

"Speaker Joe already has the number of congressmen that will make him Speaker. I've seen the endorsement of more than 160 congressmen, and I'm already committed to Speaker Joe," Singson quoted the President as saying.

Singson said the President noted that the 160-plus signatures from majority coalition members made De Venecia the "clear winner."

The President also told the group that she had told congressman-elect Pablo Garcia, De Venecia's main rival for the post, that she had long been committed to De Venecia even before the Cebu politician opened his bid for the speakership.

"I told him [Garcia] that he might not have the chance anymore," Singson quoted the President as saying.

Garcia, a member of the President's Kabalikang Malayang Pilipino (Kampi), a component of the majority coalition, earlier claimed that Ms Arroyo had told him that she would remain neutral in the fight, that "she could not endorse anybody publicly."

Pact with the devil

Meanwhile, the fight for the House speakership took an ugly turn yesterday with Garcia virtually accusing De Venecia of dipping his fingers into the chamber's kitty in his bid to win.

Garcia also suggested his opponent was willing to enter into a

faustian bargain to achieve his supposed ambition of becoming prime minister in a parliamentary system.

"His burning ambition to become prime minister is all-consuming that he'll take the route of Faust just to achieve it, even if our nation is destroyed in the process," said Garcia in a statement.

Johann Faust is the legendary German medieval scholar and magician who sold his soul to the Devil in exchange for knowledge and power.

Garcia doubted that De Venecia was sincere when he earlier announced that he was giving up the campaign for constitutional change, which he ostensibly made to blunt criticisms that his primary motivation was to install himself as prime minister under a parliamentary system.

"He'll surely change his tune if he retains the speakership," Garcia said.

The Cebu lawmaker also suggested that House funds may have been "used in the last elections and are being used by someone in the speakership campaign."

"We have discovered that the House has about P6 billion in discretionary funds controlled exclusively by De Venecia," he said. "To tap into this fund, lawmakers had to ingratiate themselves with De Venecia," he said.

The INQUIRER tried but failed to reach De Venecia for comment.

Garcia also rejected De Venecia's invitation to hold a caucus of majority congressmen to determine the extent of the support for either of them and for the loser to withdraw his bid and endorse the candidacy of the other. *Christian V. Esguerra*

Danding seeks day in court on UCPB

By Jocelyn R. Uy

BUSINESS TYCOON EDUARDO COJUANGCO Jr. is pressing his fight for the ownership of the United Coconut Planters Bank, which the Sandiganbayan has awarded to the government saying it was illegally acquired using coconut levy funds.

In a petition filed with the Sandiganbayan First Division, Cojuangco moved for a hearing on the ownership dispute, claiming that the anti-graft court did not grant him an opportunity to present evidence on his counter-claim.

In 2003, the anti-graft court handed down a partial summary judgment of the case, ruling that Cojuangco through the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) had illegally acquired

the UCPB, then known as the First United Bank, using coco levy funds.

It forfeited Cojuangco's shares in the bank and awarded them to the government. At the time, the value of the UCPB shares was estimated at about P100 billion.

The decision also affirmed earlier rulings that Presidential Decree 755 issued by the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos authorizing the PCA to buy a bank with the coco levy funds for the benefit of coconut farmers was illegal.

The Sandiganbayan affirmed its 2003 ruling last month, dismissing a petition from Cojuangco and the Philippine Coconut Producers Federation Inc. (Cocofed) asking for a "full-blown trial" of the case.

It said all pertinent issues had already been addressed by the court so that there was no point in proceeding with a full-blown trial or with the presentation of evidence by the parties in the case.

It noted that a trial would be futile as the defense of Cojuangco and the Cocofed relied heavily on PD 755 which had already been declared as "constitutionally infirm."

In asking the Sandiganbayan to reconsider its ruling, lawyer Estelito Mendoza said that Cojuangco must be allowed to present evidence in his defense.

He said the decision was in violation of Cojuangco's right to due process and the right to be heard by assuming "an established fact, a controverted fact."

Prelate enjoins faithful to carry on Sin's work

By Jerome Aning

MANILA ARCHBISHOP JAIME CARDINAL Sin may have passed on but the Filipino faithful who are very much alive today should imbibe his ideas and work together for change.

This was the message of Balanga, Bataan, Bishop Socrates Villegas as he led in the celebration of a Mass at the Manila Cathedral in commemoration of the cardinal's second death anniversary yesterday.

"Cardinal Sin has passed away but we are still alive. The question is: What are we doing right now? We know what Cardinal Sin did," Villegas, a protégé of the late cardinal, told reporters after the Mass.

"Let us not blame the death of Cardinal Sin for our current problems because we have our duties and responsibilities to the nation and the Church," he said. "Instead of complaining that Cardinal Sin is gone, we should ask ourselves: 'What can I do today? Because I am still alive, what can I do for the good of the Philippines?'"

Sin died at the age of 76 of kidney failure. He had served the Manila archdiocese from 1974 up to his retirement in 2003.

At the Mass were former President Corason Aquino, Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines president and Jaro Archbishop Angel Lagdameo, Digos Bishop Guillermo Afable, Am-

bassador to the Vatican Leonida Vera, Sin's brother Ramon, other relatives and many supporters.

Aquino praised Sin for helping restore democracy to the country, saying: "If we didn't have Cardinal Sin, we wouldn't have had people power."

"I wish there would be another Cardinal Sin... but I pray that the Lord send not just one but many like him," she said.

Some of the attendees later descended to the cathedral's crypts where Sin's tomb is located, under a bust of the late cardinal.

The bust, Villegas said, inspired his homily titled "The Hands that Guided Us."

He said he was intently studying the bust a few days ago when it dawned on him "the Cardinal has no hands." The bishop then went on to describe Sin's hands in his life as a priest, prophet and shepherd.

Sin's hands, he recalled, blessed the faithful, celebrated the Eucharist, ordained priests, embraced erring clergymen, comforted those in congested prisons and hospitals, and consoled the faithful in their times of need.

"Those hands wrote and signed countless pastoral letters that condemned evil and soothed the weary hearts of freedom fighters during the dark years of martial law," Villegas said.

As Sin grew older, Villegas said he held his hands to assist him, and later watched them pricked daily with hospital needles when Sin became ill.

GMA: Now is best time to invest in RP

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO YESTERDAY urged local and foreign investors to put their money in the country, saying there has never been a better time to invest in the Philippines.

"To begin with, the Philippines is a competitive location for all companies looking to establish or expand their operations in the Asia-Pacific region," Ms Arroyo said in a keynote address at the 2nd Annual Philippine Investment Conference in Cebu.

The President said the country has the edge in terms of its strategic location in a fast-growing region and a well-educated, productive and English-speaking workforce.

"In addition, over the last few years, there has been a sea change in the Philippines," she said in the conference that was organized by the Euromoney magazine and attended by

the local business leaders and leading international investors.

By making difficult decisions such as the implementation of the expanded value-added tax, the government achieved a lower budget deficit, unprecedented revenues and historic growth, Ms Arroyo said.

"While some of our regional neighbors experienced recession as one time or other from 2001 to 2007, economic growth in the Philippines has been consistent quarter after quarter," she said.

"At 6.9 percent in the first quarter, the Philippines is one of the few countries that are experiencing stronger growth this year than in 2006," the President said.

Ms Arroyo said the E-VAT was the single biggest measure that raised revenues enormously and "sent an unmistakable signal that we are serious about moving the economy forward."

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N. Korea wants to denuclearize, Romulo reports

BEIJING—NORTH KOREA IS COMMITTED to the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula and to following a February deal to end its nuclear programme, the Philippine foreign secretary said on Thursday after returning from Pyongyang.

But the North expects action to be met

with action, Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo told Reuters in an interview.

"Both President Kim and Foreign Minister Pak repeatedly stated to me that their overriding objective is to denuclearize the Korean peninsula," Romulo said, referring to North Korea's number

two leader, Kim Yong-nam, who is president of the North Korean parliament, and Foreign Minister Pak Ui-chun.

The two men "also stated to me their unshakable will to implement the action agreement of Feb. 13, 2007. This is very encouraging to me," Romulo said, speak-

ing at Beijing airport.

Under the February agreement, North Korea will shut its Yongbyon nuclear reactor in exchange for aid.

The deal was hammered out in Beijing at six-party talks attended by host China, the two Koreas, Japan and Russia. *Reuters*

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Goodbye Lipo, Hello Ultrashape!

Ultrashape — Lipo Without The Suction continues to make waves in the slimming industry since its official launch in Manila early last year. Tagged as the first non-invasive breakthrough in body contouring, Ultrashape uses an ultrasound beam to breakdown and liquefy fats from outside the body. Promising an average reduction of about 2cm in just one treatment, it effectively reduces fat deposits on multiple body areas such as the tummy, flanks and thighs.

A small amount of fat reduction is just not worth undergoing surgery for. Liposuction usually involves massive body contouring, and is often not recommended when only a few inches of fat have to be removed. Thus, for the majority of people who only need a few touch-ups, Ultrashape offers a much safer alternative. It gives the benefits of liposuction without the risks or side effects, surgical scars and downtime. The result: Smooth, even and shapely curves you can flaunt even without your clothes on!

Due to its increasing popularity, demand for Ultrashape is high often resulting to fully booked appointment schedules from its growing roster of clients. These women have testified — they have finally found the best alternative to liposuction!



Dawn Zulueta-Lagdameo, 38

"When Ultrashape was offered to me, I was excited! Ultrashape concentrates on that last hard-to-lose fat that remains in your body even after you've lost weight. I told myself, at last, there was a chance to lose all that stubborn fat that just wouldn't seem to go away. The doctor explained that Ultrashape destroys the fat cells in the targeted areas like my stomach and thighs. From there, the fat is metabolized and burned naturally by my body as energy. The treatment takes

an hour and a half and is done once a month.

Ultrashape is really the perfect finishing touch for people like me who have lost weight but still have some lumps and bumps. After my first treatment, I immediately said to myself 'wow, it's perfect!' Ultrashape definitely has all the benefits of lipo minus the surgery and all the risks! There's no downtime whatsoever. So you see, liposuction is unnecessary."



Lyn Ching-Pascual, 34

"What intrigued me about Ultrashape is the claim — the easy treatment you can have in your lunch break. Apart from that, a friend of mine said that her friend tried Ultrashape as soon as it came out in the market. And she immediately lost 2 inches in just one month! Ultrashape promises an average of about 2cm, that's true, but it's also

possible for someone to lose even more than that too. That's why for me, even if liposuction was the only weight-loss treatment available, I'd rather walk up a building 100 times than have an operation because I don't want the possibility of dying for vanity.

With Ultrashape around, everyone now gets a better slimming option. Since it's non-invasive, I've got nothing to worry about. After trying it firsthand, I was like, 'Is this real?!' I just walked in, got the treatment and after an hour, I was on my way back to work again! It's as if nothing happened. The best part was, I could feel my tummy flatten only after a few weeks! No doubt it's the perfect way to trim down excess fats!"



Cristina Gonzalez-Romualdez, 42

"Nothing really compares to Ultrashape. When I tried it, I immediately lost 4cm in my tummy after only 1 session! Imagine what a couple of sessions more can do! Diet pills and crash dieting don't work for me. With my catering and events business, I can't just turn my back from tasting and savoring my own menus. More so, if it's lipo we're

going to compare Ultrashape with, lipo doesn't even come close to it as far as safety is concerned. Besides, with Ultrashape around, why would anyone still want to settle for liposuction?! I must be very desperate or I must be so fat that I could no longer move before I'd consider getting it done. I just find it too dangerous!"

Undeniably, Marie France's Ultrashape is solid proof that the trends in slimming now slant towards the approach that's safer yet as effective. After going through a weight-loss program, it is highly recommended to continue with Ultrashape treatments right after. It's the best final touch-up in getting rid of remaining stubborn fats in the body. For booking schedules, call Marie France now at 894-BODY (2639).

Dare to ask. Be an Inquirer.

Correction

IN THE JUNE 16 ISSUE, a front-page story—"It's a people's victory"—mistakenly stated that Oakwood Premier hotel in Makati City was recently renamed Astoria. The hotel is now known as Ascott Makati.

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Wyeth complying with milk recall

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

THE MULTINATIONAL MILK COMPANY Wyeth said it would comply with a Bureau of Food and Drugs order to recall millions of cans of its infant formula products, but maintained that the contents of the affected containers were not contaminated.

"Tests that Wyeth conducted showed that the milk powder inside the affected cans was not compromised and the integrity of the milk powder was maintained," the company said in a statement.

However, the BFAD remains unconvinced by the results of the company's tests.

Last Wednesday, it ordered the recall of millions of cans of Bona, Promil Kid, Promil and Progress Gold, which had rusting outer rims and molds.

Joshua Ramos, the BFAD deputy director, said worried parents who had bought and consumed the affected products, should "report immediately to us if they feel something unusual."

Wyeth yesterday said it had not received any complaints of sickness or injury in relation to the affected products.

Some BFAD officials told the Inquirer, however, they have learned of several complaints that Wyeth had considered invalid. The BFAD officials are asking consumers to report directly to the agency.

The recall order meant that Wyeth

should "cease and desist from selling" the affected cans "until there is proof that the contents are safe," Ramos said.

He said the company would have "to prove that the molds have not permeated [the cans and contaminated the contents]."

"We want to err on the side of caution," Ramos said of the recall order which could cost Wyeth huge financial losses.

"The stocks could be resold later, but only after they are proved to be safe," he said.

There were also reports that Wyeth had used some of the affected cans for animal feed. That could also pose a risk if the affected cans turn out to be contaminated as contaminated meat could also get into the food chain, Ramos explained.

In its recall order, BFAD said the affected products "present a risk of illness or injury and that the bureau's action is necessary or advisable to protect public health and welfare."

It classified the health hazard that the affected products could pose as Class II, or reversible. This means the possible health risks can be treated.

In its letter to BFAD in April, Wyeth said only 2.5 million cans were affected, but BFAD said that its count, based on the company's logbooks, showed there could be more than 4.3 million cans in question, Ramos said.

Not all stocks of the four brands are affected, but only those belonging to several production batches manufactured between May 23 and July 26 last year, Ramos added.

In its letter, Wyeth volunteered the information about the rusting cans, but it did so only after stories had been circulating in the Internet and caught the attention of the Department of Health.

Customs chief says resignation letter is a hoax

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

THE LETTER WAS UNEQUIVOCAL: BUREAU OF Customs Commissioner Napoleon Morales stated he was quitting. The letter, complete with what appeared to be his signature, was faxed to the Malacañang Press Office on Wednesday.

The problem is, Morales has no intention of resigning.

"For as long as the President still has trust and confidence in me, I will not resign," he told the Inquirer yesterday.

Morales described the circulation of the letter as "very, very unethical."

He tagged people who were after his position as responsible for the letter. "They should just wait for their time," he said.

Morales seemed to be the last one to learn about the letter. He displayed surprise when reporters queried him about it on Wednesday.

He forthwith sent a message to Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye, denying that he was quitting.

Those behind the letter forged his signature and even affixed the fax number of his office to make it appear as if the letter originated from him, Morales also said.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Friday, June 22, 2007
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1st Reading: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30
Gospel: Matthew 6:19-23

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not store up treasure for yourself here on earth where moth and rust destroy it, and where thieves can steal it. Store up treasure for yourself with God, where no moth or rust can destroy nor thief come and steal it."

"For where your treasure is, there also your heart will be."

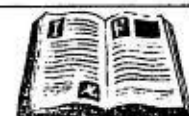
"The lamp of the body is the eye; if your eyes are sound, your whole body will be in the light. If your eyes are diseased your whole body will be in darkness. Then, if your light has become darkness, how dark will be the darkest part of you!"

Commentary

It seems that the Corinthian Church had a lot of folk who were making sure that others knew of their gifts and importance to the church. So Paul boasts too—of his sufferings, persecution, on and on and on—to best anyone in their church who have had it easy. He's been too busy trying to preach the gospel to have any sort of distinctions like they are claiming in their house-church. And he tells them that he is affected by their weaknesses and scandals.

And Jesus warns us not to lay up treasure here on earth. Instead we are to give treasure to the poor and so lay it up in heaven. Where do we put our treasure—our money, excess, resources, time, love, reputation, privilege, hope for the future? Does the light dwell in us and shine forth in our actions, our sharing, our looking upon others?

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GMA to push Jpepa, cheap meds, Epira amendment

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO WILL push for the ratification of the controversial Japan-Philippines Economic Partnership Agreement, the cheap medicines bill and amendments to the Electric Power Industry Reform Act when the 14th Congress convenes next month.

Ms Arroyo expressed confidence she can push her legislative agenda despite the dominance of the opposition in the Senate.

"You know the Senate has always been 24 independent republics. I was there. And whether they're with you or the other side in the beginning, everything has to be argued individually with them," Ms Arroyo said in a luncheon with top execu-

tives of newspaper, television and radio networks in Malacañang on Wednesday.

Ms Arroyo, who asked media to help her in her last three years in office, said that from 175 allies in the previous Congress, there are now 200 members of the new House of Representatives who are with the administration. She said the administration managed "almost a total sweep" of local executives.

She said that with media's help in highlighting programs that are beneficial, she can get support even from her foes in the Senate.

"So I think especially what we want to do now in the next three years is to trans-

form our gains in revenue to permanent investments in human and physical capital, I think with your support, depending on what headlines you are going to bring about, or what will be your main news, because really politicians have their ears on the ground through the media, it really depends on what they think you're going to write about. That's where you're very important," Ms Arroyo said.

Ms Arroyo said the Senate ratification of the Jpepa will pave the way for more Japanese investments in the country.

Environmental groups strongly opposed the Jpepa on grounds that it will allow the dumping of Japanese toxic

wastes in the country.

"Because as far as Japan is concerned theirs is ratified and all their commitments are automatically legislated. It's not like us, we ratify. We still have to legislate. The only thing that is considered to set the legislation to motion is our ratification," she said.

Ms Arroyo said she will also push the passage of the Cheap Medicines Bill which the previous House failed to approve.

The President said she will work for the approval of the creation of a credit bureau to help small exporters.

The President said the Epira must also be amended to help lower power rates.

Juliet Labog-Javellana

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Holy Trinity Academy celebrates the sixty years of waling with the young and leading them to truth, goodness, compassion. This institution has indeed played a crucial role in the education and formation of our children. It has strived to give both the Church and society young men and women imbued with and formed according to the values of the Gospel of Christ.

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As you celebrate your 60th Jubilee, I challenge you to further intensify your efforts to truly form your students according to the ways of Christ. May you continue to give our society young men and women formed according to the Christian ideals to attain and enjoy the fullness of life by Jesus the Lord.

Congratulations and God bless you all.



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16 TRINITY ALUMNI LEAGUE AWARDS
17 TAKBO PARA SA HUBILEO NG SANTATLO (HTA FUN RUN)
23 HETO NA KAMI - A MUSICAL PLAY
24 • MEDICAL MISSION
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30 GRAND ALUMNI HOMECOMING

July 2007
27 FORUM ON THE TRINITY AND EDUCATION

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• CLUB ACTIVITIES FOCUSING ON THE TRINITY

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20-25 HS PAASCU ACCREDITATION

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20 MARIAN FESTIVAL ON THE TRINITY
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I am honored to be part of the Holy Trinity Academy in the occasion of its 60th Foundation Anniversary.

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My congratulations to the Administrators, Faculty and Staff for their hard work, seeing to it that the whole event will not only be a year of festivities but likewise focuses on the deepening of faith to the Holy Trinity.

May I also take this opportunity to thank all those who have been part of the school's rich history, from the former Directors, Administrators, Teachers, Staff and students.

In Sanctissimo Trinitate,

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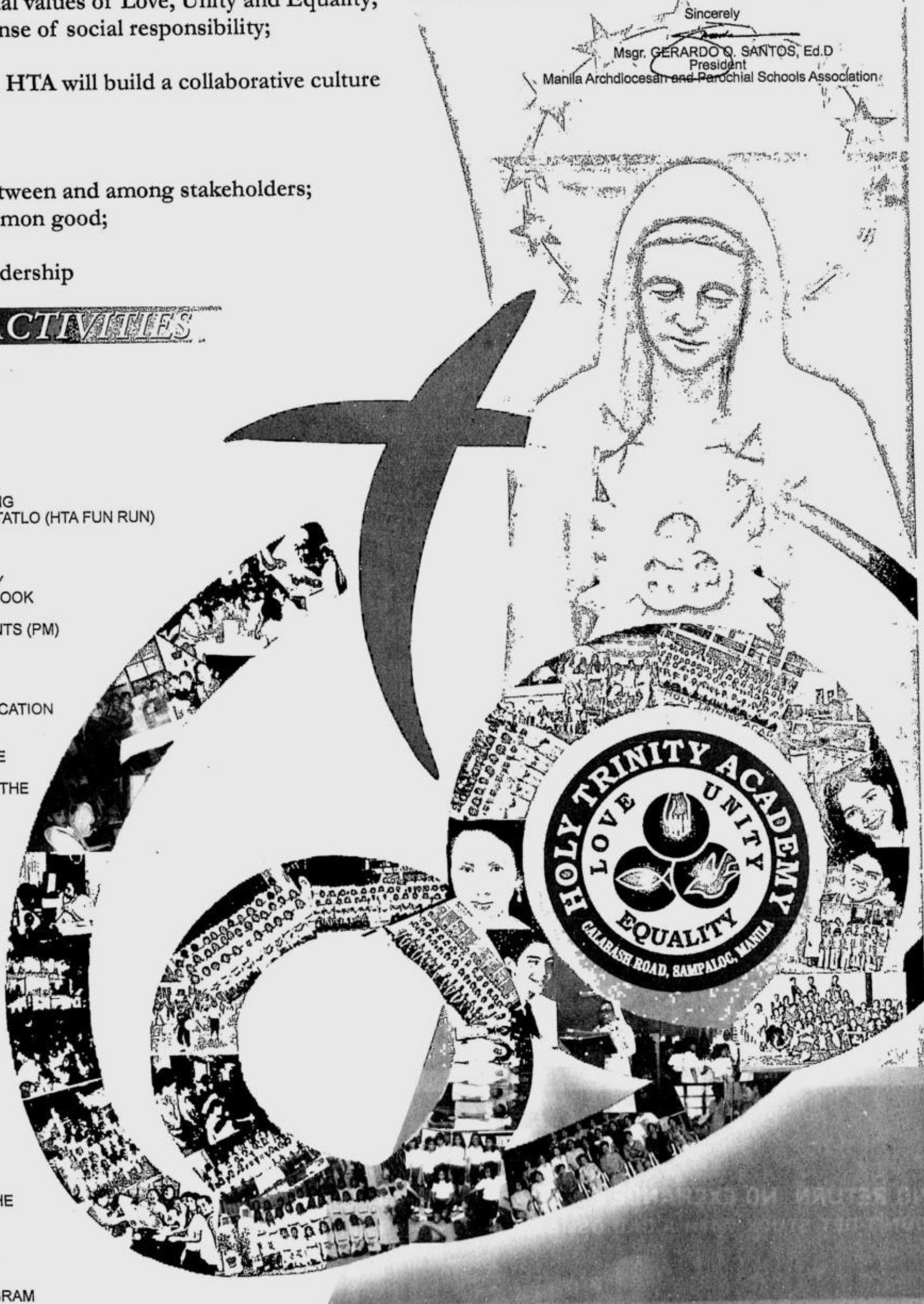
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RP, Cuba forge accord

By Cynthia D. Balana

THE PHILIPPINES AND CUBA HAVE SIGNED AN agreement for a wide range of cooperation in the fields of science and technology, culture and the arts, heritage restoration and sports for two years, the Department of Foreign Affairs said yesterday.

The joint communiqué embodying the program for cooperative projects was signed at the close of the two-day Philippines-Cuba Joint Commission Meetings in Havana on June 20.

The agreement was signed by Secretary Estrella Alabastro of the Department of Science and Technology and Minister Marta Lomas Morales of the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Investment and Economic Cooperation.

In science and technology, the Philippines and Cuba agreed to pursue projects on human resource capacity building and research in the application of genetic engineering technologies to improve biotechnology, promote the protection of the environment and develop diagnostic kits and vaccines.

In culture and the arts, the two countries will collaborate in activities such as the organization of writers' workshops, art exhibitions, and film festivals, as well as the exchange of visits by specialists.

In sports, William Ramirez, chair of the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), pursued networking with Cuban sports authorities and received assurances of support in the implementation of the existing sports agreement between the Philippines and Cuba.

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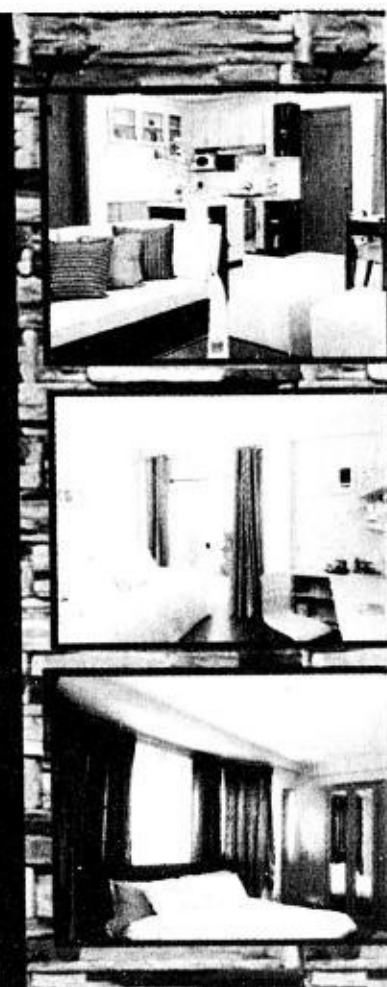
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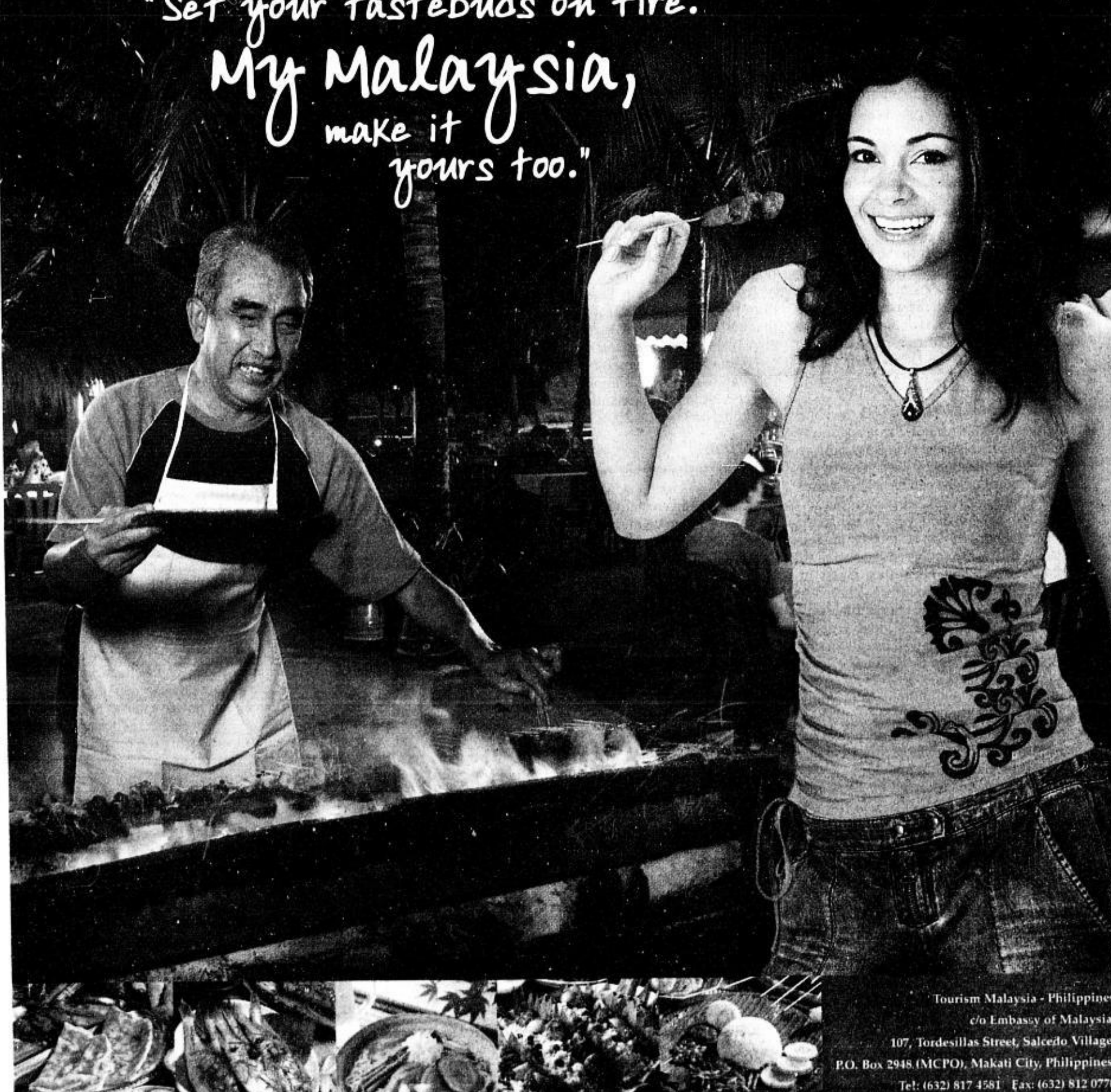
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2 poll execs keen on gov't witness program-PPCRV

By Cathy Yamsuan
and Leila B. Salaverria

AT LEAST TWO ELECTION OFFICERS have asked about the government's Witness Protection Program before they would come out to help uncover the alleged electoral fraud that occurred in Maguindanao.

Howard Calleja of the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV) said the two potential witnesses asked him for details of the program when he contacted them by mobile phone on Wednesday.

Calleja was in General Santos City at the time as chief legal counsel of the PPCRV and an observer in the Commission on Elections' investigation of the fraud that allegedly marred the elections in Maguindanao last month.

The PPCRV banded together with other poll watchdogs to monitor the recent midterm elections.

Working under the umbrella group One Million Volunteers for Clean Elections or VforCE, the watchdogs were the first to disclose that teachers in Maguindanao were forced by gunmen to fill out ballots with the names of the Team Unity (TU) senatorial candidates on the eve of the elections.

Teachers in the town of Pagalungan claimed that armed men seized their ballot boxes and filled out the ballots with the names of the TU candidates.

12-0 for TU

Tallies in the provincial certificate of canvass (CoC) showed a 12-0 TU win in the province.

The CoC also showed that 19 senatorial candidates did not get any votes, a situation the Comelec called "statistically improbable."

Genuine Opposition (GO) candidate Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III yesterday petitioned the Supreme Court to stop the Comelec from canvassing the disputed tallies from Maguindanao, which could allow TU candidate Juan Miguel Zubiri to displace him

from the 12th Senate slot.

More potential witnesses

Calleja said he was approached by a local PPCRV officer while in General Santos and was told that initially there were "four or five" election officers willing to surface and talk about the alleged irregularities.

The PPCRV officer said there could be more potential witnesses as more people who served as election officers in the May 14 polls had indicated a willingness to talk, according to Calleja.

The PPCRV staffer then contacted two of the election officers who Calleja communicated with by mobile phone.

"Their main concern at this point is how to assure their safety and security. And not only for themselves and their immediate families but also for their other relatives," Calleja told the INQUIRER in a restaurant in Intramuros, Manila.

Fatal shooting

The election officers' request for protection came after the fatal shooting of Musa Dimasidsing, Maguindanao schools district supervisor.

Dimasidsing was shot dead on June 9 at a madrasah (Islamic school) in Pikit, North Cotabato, where he had taken refuge. He was the one who had affirmed the testimony of Pagalungan teachers that there was "harassment and intimidation" during the elections.

Calleja said that while the two officers were aware of the possibility of being uprooted from their hometowns for good after going public, things might become difficult for the relatives they would leave behind.

"There is always this fear of reprisal from parties who may be displeased by their disclosures," he said.

The lawyer said he was not able to promise the two election officers anything as he himself was not familiar with the Witness Protection Program of the Department of Justice. (See "In the Know.")

"In particular, the two want to clarify the extent of application of

the program, like until what degree of consanguinity probably. We understand that (among some Muslim communities), there is this strong culture of clannishness, which may work against the relatives of the potential witnesses," Calleja said.

"Other than their inquiries about the protection program, they presented no demands," he said.

Distrust for Abalos

Lawyer Carlos Medina of the Legal Network for Truthful Elections (Lente) earlier said that teachers he was in touch with were hesitant to come out because they distrusted Comelec Chair Benjamin Abalos.

Medina said the teachers suspected Abalos himself might have been part of the fraud machinery.

The election officers Calleja talked to, however, said they were willing to face Abalos "or anyone else as long as their safety and security are assured."

At a news conference, Calleja, Medina and other VforCE representatives urged the Comelec to declare a failure of elections in Maguindanao.

Conditions

If special elections were to be held in the province, they said the following conditions should be met:

- The poll body should cancel all gun permits and disarm paramilitary units in the province.
- The Marines should be deployed to ensure the safety of voters, election officers and watchers.
- All local Comelec officials should be replaced with trusted Comelec personnel from other areas.
- All ballots should be counted "in safe and secure areas."
- Full media coverage and the "effective participation" of watchdog groups must be ensured.
- The Comelec must undertake voters education activities in Maguindanao before the elections.
- If special elections cannot be conducted under these circumstances, then no such special elections should be held anymore," the joint statement said.
- "In such a situation, we believe that it will be reasonable and ac-

ceptable to disregard the votes for senators in Maguindanao," it said.

Pimentel petition

Pimentel asked the Supreme Court to order the poll body to exclude Maguindanao tallies and to proclaim the winner for the last Senate spot based on election results from the rest of the country.

According to Pimentel, no laws or rules allow the poll body to go to a province, meet with Comelec officials to check election documents and determine which among these would be used in the canvass of votes to determine the winners in the senatorial race.

A declaration of failure of elections in the province could not be done as well considering that the local winners had been proclaimed and no petition to declare such a failure had been filed, he said in his petition.

He noted that Zubiri would have to get more than 120,000 votes from Maguindanao to overtake him.

TU lawyer Romulo Macalintal said the documents retrieved from Maguindanao seemed authentic, but the opposition's counsel Leila de Lima said the figures in the documents were "revolting."

The Comelec would decide next week whether to reconvene a special provincial board of canvassers to retabulate the tallies.

Pimentel said the Comelec would help perpetuate electoral fraud if it continued with its expedition to salvage votes from Maguindanao at this late stage.

He said the Comelec, as the National Board of Canvassers, should not fish for documents and instead could only canvass votes based on documents submitted to it.

No standards

Pimentel said the poll body laid down no standards on how to determine the fitness of the election documents it will find.

The Comelec in effect placed into its hands the outcome of who will take the last Senate seat "in the guise of pursuing the true will of the people in Maguindanao," he said.

IN THE KNOW

Witness Protection Program

THE COUNTRY'S WITNESS PROTECTION Program was institutionalized on April 24, 1999, by Republic Act No. 6981 or the Witness Protection, Security and Benefit Act.

The law placed the responsibility of ensuring the security of witnesses of grave crimes under the Department of Justice.

Those who may be admitted into the program are people willing to testify before a judicial, quasi-judicial or investigating authority, provided their testimony can be corroborated. Any relatives within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity may also enter the program, so long as they face a threat of death or bodily injury.

If the witness is a law enforcer, only immediate members of his family are covered by the law. Witnesses in legislative probes may be admitted into the program upon the approval of the Senate President or the Speaker of the House.

Benefits

Those accepted into the program will receive a housing facility, escort services, immunity from criminal prosecution concerning his testimony, assistance in getting a means of livelihood, traveling and subsistence allowances, and free medical treatment for any illness or injury suffered while he or she is a witness.

In case the witness is killed, the government will shoulder at least P10,000 of the burial expenses, and will provide for the education of the dependent children of the deceased.

Once the danger to the witness disappears, or once the witness has completed his or her duty, the witness will be discharged from the program. The government will then relocate the witness and his or her family and give them new identities and, possibly, a one-time financial assistance.

Strictly confidential

Those in danger because of a potential testimony may get an application form from the program secretariat at the DOJ building in Manila or from a regional state prosecutor. Proceedings are strictly confidential, and will not be released without an order from DOJ or a court.

However, the nongovernment organization Asian Legal Resource Center, in conjunction with the Asian Human Rights Commission, said in a special report published in February titled "The WPP is impressive—on paper."

It added: "Witnesses are uniquely vulnerable when the forces accused of killings are all too often those, or are linked to those, who are charged with ensuring their security." *Cyril L. Bonabente, Inquirer Research*

Maguindanao CoCs authentic—Comelec

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mystery of the missing municipal CoCs.

A Comelec fact-finding mission flew to General Santos to retrieve the vote tallies that could determine who between Genuine Opposition (GO) candidate Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III and Team Unity (TU) candidate Juan Miguel Zubiri would be the 12th winner in the senatorial race.

Pimentel yesterday asked the Supreme Court to order the Comelec to exclude the vote tallies from Maguindanao and to proclaim him the winner.

Watchdog groups and teachers claimed that the elections in the province were marred by cheating.

Zubiri, for his part, wanted the poll body to proceed with the canvassing because the vote tallies in Maguindanao would allow him to displace Pimentel from the 12th slot.

TU lawyer Romulo Macalintal on Wednesday said in General Santos that the documents retrieved from Maguindanao seemed authentic, but the opposition's lawyer Leila de Lima said the figures on the documents were "revolting."

Discrepancies

Ferrer said the municipal election officers would answer before the Comelec en banc and the lawyers of the political parties and candidates all queries about discrepancies in the municipal CoCs that would be canvassed.

Bedol told the Comelec in Manila on June 11 that the municipal CoCs, the bases of the provincial CoC in which TU scored a 12-0 victory, were missing.

Earlier, Bedol had told reporters that the municipal CoCs were stolen from the Comelec office at the provincial capitol in Shariff Aguak on May 29.

Bedol's first and only appearance was when he presented the Maguindanao CoC to the Comelec en banc sitting at the National Board of Canvassers.

Bedol has to explain

Ferrer said the recommendations of the task force, which would be forwarded to the Comelec en banc today, would focus on whether elections were held in the province and on the culpability of local officials led by Bedol.

But Bedol has lots of explaining to do because he repeatedly

defied Comelec's summons to appear and his belated reporting of the theft of the municipal CoCs, according to Ferrer.

"Did he report this to the proper authority? Certainly, he didn't report to the Comelec. He didn't even write an explanation as to why he did not show up," Ferrer said, adding that Bedol was given "more than enough time" to do so.

If found responsible for the loss of the municipal CoCs, Bedol would be criminally charged with infidelity in the custody of public documents, Ferrer said.

"This offense carries an administrative liability that can be punished by removal from office," he said.

Disobedience

Asked what he made of Bedol's attitude, Ferrer said, "That's disobedience already."

He said the municipal election officers would also be summoned one by one to explain why they, too, failed to appear when initially summoned by the Comelec and to verify if they gave their copies to Bedol.

Besides a 12-0 win by the TU, the provincial CoC showed several opposition candidates getting no votes at all—a fact that the Comelec later described as "statistically improbable."

The Maguindanao CoC was set aside while Bedol was instructed to present his copies of the municipal CoCs that would back up the numbers in the provincial CoC.

When Bedol did not show up, the municipal election officers were invited to come to Manila to present their own copies, which were supposed to be used for a canvass.

The officers also did not show up so the Comelec ordered the proclaimed winning local candidates to present their own copies of the election documents. Only one was able to do so.

Much later, Bedol appeared in a hearing of Task Force Maguindanao, and admitted on record that the municipal CoCs in his possession were stolen.

Ferrer and Abalos went to General Santos to collect another set of copies of the municipal CoCs because the election officers said they did not have money to go to Manila.

Ferrer said Bedol was not invited during the presentation of the election documents because "he might exert moral influence on the election officers."

Ex-PDI reporter detained for libel ...

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Network, which is based in Bangkok.

Yadao finally signed Tesorio's release order at 5 p.m. yesterday. The journalist walked out of the facility at around 7 p.m.

'Harassment'

This "is nothing but a harassment case," said Weng Paraan, NUJP secretary general. Camp officials refused to let NUJP members talk to Tesorio, she said.

"Journalists facing the worst libel cases are not taken directly to jail," Torres remarked in Filipino. He said that Tesorio's case was the best argument for the decriminalization of libel.

Made to wear the standard yellow T-shirt for detainees, Tesorio told the INQUIRER that the libel case stemmed from a column she wrote in a Puerto Princesa weekly community paper, *Bandillo ng Palawan*, in January 2003, criticizing congressmen for allegedly making money from the Malampaya oil project.

Then Rep. Vicente Sandoval of Palawan's first district felt aggrieved by the article and filed the libel complaint with a Quezon City RTC, which eventually landed in Yadao's sala.

Sandoval and Tesorio, however, had already settled out of court, but Yadao said the case could proceed even without a complainant, Torres told Agence France Presse.

"Tesorio is now at the mercy of this judge, even if she and the complainant have already settled the case," he said.

Arrest warrant

Tesorio said she had religiously attended the hearings, except the one on Dec. 13, 2005, when her P10,000 bail bond was or-

dered revoked by Judge Yadao, who subsequently issued a warrant for her arrest.

The journalist's lawyer, Ricardo Sunga III, filed a motion to lift the warrant, which was denied by the judge for lack of merit. Yadao reset bail at P20,000.

Tesorio said she failed to appear in several hearings which were postponed due to the absence of the complainant or the judge.

At one point, Tesorio recalled, she filed an affidavit of desistance to stop the proceedings but Yadao allegedly refused to accept the document "because libel is a criminal case."

When she arrived at the courtroom at 9 a.m. yesterday, Tesorio said she posted the P20,000 bail, but Yadao directed the sheriff to take the journalist to the QCED until the release order was signed.

'Excessive' libel laws

NUJP president Torres said the incident was among the reasons his group had been pressing for the decriminalization of libel. "Out of the whim of an individual, he can file a libel case to harass a working journalist," he pointed out.

Sometimes, he said, there was the danger of a libel case falling on the lap of "moody" judges.

He claimed that the proposed legislation to decriminalize libel had been shot down in Congress because most lawmakers had been using libel to their advantage against journalists.

The Brussels-based International Federation of Journalists also renewed its call for the Philippine government to decriminalize libel laws following Tesorio's arrest.

"The libel laws in the Philippines are outdated, excessive and unreasonable, and they are too often abused by those with power to silence journalists," IFJ Asia-Pacific Director Jacqueline Park said in a statement.

"No journalist should be jailed for doing his

or her job, and the IFJ again calls for an overhaul of libel laws in the Philippines to remove defamation from the criminal code," Park said.

In December, 36 Filipino journalists filed a class action suit against President Macapagal Arroyo's husband, Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroyo, who was seeking P140 million in damages from the journalists for allegedly defaming him.

Arroyo later dropped his libel suits, but the journalists vowed to pursue their case against him, saying they were defending press freedom.

Tesorio worked with *Bandillo ng Palawan* from 1999 until 2006. The paper was awarded the "Best Environmental Paper" for four consecutive years by the Philippine Press Institute.

Tesorio had also worked as anchor of the Palawan-based radio station *dyPR*. Her colleague, radioman Fernando "Dong" Batul, was killed on May 22, 2006.

Awardee

In June last year, her INQUIRER story titled "Palawan's gas pain," was among the five finalists in the investigative report category of the annual Jaime V. Ongpin Awards for Excellence in Journalism.

In 2004, Tesorio was first runner-up in the "Role of Private Sector in Development Category" in the Asian Development Bank Institute-sponsored Developing Asia Journalism Awards. In 2005, she received honorable mention in the "People Development Category" in Japan for the same awards.

Among the training workshops and fellowships attended by Tesorio abroad were the Southeast Asian Press Alliance in Thailand (2003), Summer Academy for Young Journalists in Hamburg, Germany (2004) and Radio Netherlands Training in The Netherlands (2006).

With reports from AP, AFP

JWT Manila hits gold, RP's first at Cannes ad fest

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This is the first time the country has achieved the top honor in the 54-year history of the festival.

Behind this achievement were JWT Manila's Dave Ferrer, Brandie Tan and Tin Sanchez, and the agency Hit Productions.

The Cannes Radio Gold for the Philippines was one of six Gold Lions open to 1,237 entries from 53 countries.

Guerrero said the standards for the best work had "shot up dramatically from last year" and that the six gold

winners represented a "new approach" to radio which has made it one of the fastest-growing categories in the past year.

"It is a fantastic achievement for the Philippines," he said.

The Philippine agency was unable to make it to the ceremony but was represented by Tay Guan Hin, regional creative director of JWT, along with the Philippine Daily Inquirer vice president for advertising, Pepito Olarte, official country representative of the festival.

Two other Cannes Lions were awarded to the Philippines in the Outdoor competition—a first-ever silver for the WWF Philippines Renewable Energy Bill petition titled "Thermometer" and a poster for Pizza Hut Philippines titled "Paramedics," which was part of the company's "Hate Late" campaign.

Both winners came from agency BBDO Guerrero Ortega.

Now midway into the weeklong festival in Cannes, Philippine ad agencies scored its biggest haul to date, a Gold

Radio Lion, a bronze and silver in Outdoor, and a silver in the Young Creatives competition. Last year, the country won three bronzes.

The press and film winners will be presented later in the week.

The 54th Cannes Lions, which runs up to June 23, received a record 25,000 entries from 80 countries competing to be known as the world's best ads. The festival in the south of France attracts over 11,000 of the world's leading advertising professionals.

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Mike A lawyer calls 'hostile witnesses'

By DJ Yap

THE LAWYER OF THE PRESIDENT'S HUSBAND, Jose Miguel Arroyo, hopes to question in court today eight of the journalists who had sued his client for millions in damages, in order to get the class-action suit dismissed.

Lawyer Ruy Alberto Rondain said yesterday the eight had been subpoenaed to appear in a Makati court as "hostile witnesses."

"They will have to take the stand. If I'm successful, the class suit will be dismissed," Rondain told the INQUIRER over the phone.

Arroyo, however, will not be at the hearing, at which Rondain said he would present evidence for his affirmative defense—which sets up new matters that provide a defense against the plaintiffs' case, assuming their complaint to be true. The proceeding would be tantamount to a motion to dismiss.

Rondain said the eight, including INQUIRER columnists Conrad de Quiros and Ramon Tulfo, were the "first batch" to be summoned before Judge Zenaida Galapate-Laguilles of Makati Regional Trial Court Branch 143.

The others who were subpoenaed were Maritess Vitug, Ricky Carandang, Erwin Tulfo, Mia Gonzalez, William Esposo and

Lito Banayo, he said.

Rondain would not disclose his line of questioning, except to say it would likely take one to two hours depending on how much time the court would grant him.

Sought for comment, De Quiros said he had not received a summons. "No one has called me. Since it's a big group, they probably thought my presence was not needed," he said.

Lawyer Harry Roque, who represents the plaintiffs, said they would move to quash the subpoenas. "I told them they don't have to go. It's [Arroyo] who should testify," he said.

Laguilles had given Arroyo until today to refute the P12.5-million class suit the journalists had filed against him.

In an order dated May 23, Laguilles said Arroyo shall be deemed to have waived his right to present proof in support of his affirmative defense should he fail again to appear in her court.

Arroyo had been absent twice before, citing medical reasons as well as a pending petition for certiorari in the Court of Appeals.

But Rondain said his client's presence was not required today.

Airline exec deported

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

HE ALLEGEDLY DESCRIBED Filipino workers as "stupid and lazy."

Hurt, his employees filed a complaint before the Bureau of Immigration, which found he was working without a permit.

In a statement yesterday, the bureau announced it had arrested Chinese national William Po, who works as country manager for the Hong Kong Airlines. It turned out he was working without a permit.

The bureau said the complaint alleged that Po was "anti-Filipino" and that he was "mal-treating his employees."

The bureau said Po would undergo deportation proceedings. He is also facing charges of being an undesirable alien.

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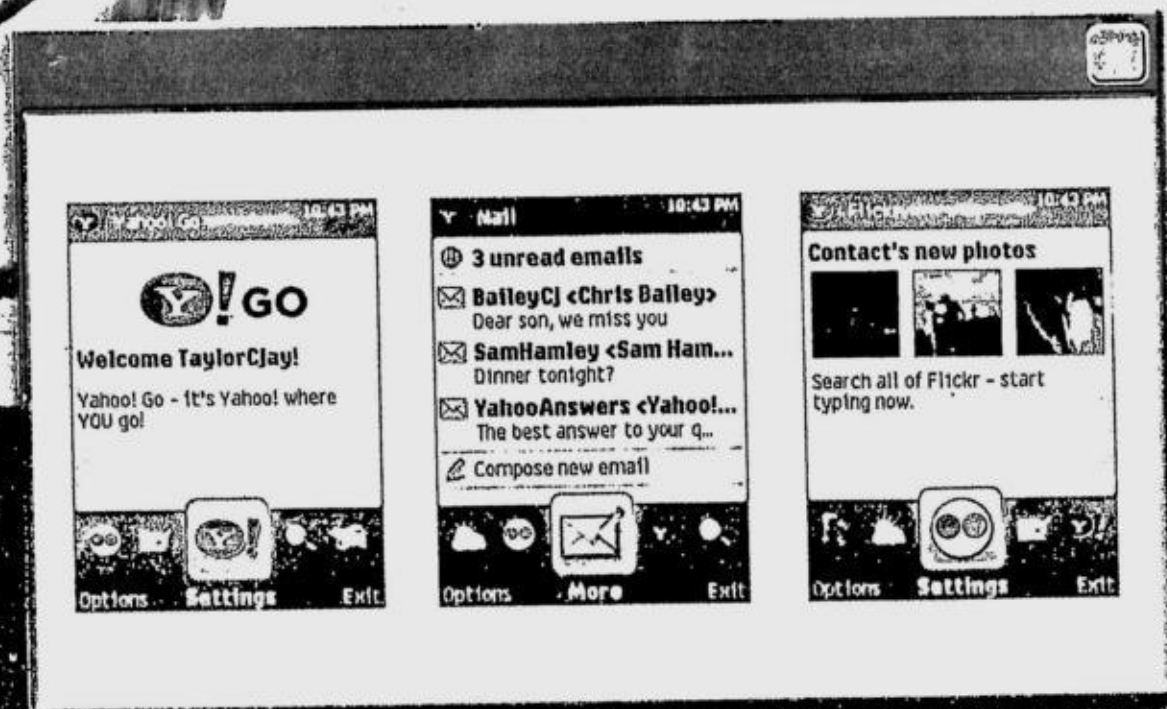
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Revamped

SAYING HIS INITIAL REMARKS WERE TAKEN OUT of context, Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita has forcefully clarified that (a) President Macapagal-Arroyo did not ask her Cabinet secretaries to resign and that (b) there is in fact no Cabinet revamp.

To be sure, he said, new faces will appear in the Cabinet, but that's because there are four existing vacancies, beginning with the position of the Presidential Chief of Staff that was vacated by senatorial candidate Michael Defensor.

The revamp, in other words, applies only to sub-Cabinet positions, beginning with the post of internal revenue commissioner and including chief executive positions in all government-owned and -controlled corporations (GOCCs).

Unfortunately for the President's inner circle, key allies of the Palace have responded to the pre-clarification news by also calling, loudly, for a Cabinet revamp.

The President has preferred to look at the results of the congressional and local races in last month's mid-term elections as the true measure of electoral success. Ermita himself has said, more than once, that the pro-administration outcome of the congressional and local races offset the oppositionist trend in the Senate race.

The governors and other local officials who won those very races, however, don't think so.

Last week, Eastern Samar Gov. Ben Evardone, speaking for both the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines and the League of Provinces of the Philippines, said it was time for a real overhaul. The administration's many allies, he said, were worried that the President was considering only a limited revamp, and that a "limited revamp will have no impact" on governance.

"People deserve an honest-to-goodness housecleaning," he said.

To be sure, Evardone also said that he had raised the same proposal with the President even before the elections, and that the proposal contemplated an overhaul of the entire bureaucracy, not merely a revamp of the Cabinet. But he also warned the President of the dangers that a cordon sanitaire of advisers deep in denial posed to her legacy. Given that her last three years in office would prove "very critical in defining the legacy that she will leave to the Filipino people," it would be unfortunate for the administration, he said, if the public perceived it as being run at the highest levels by "people clinging on to their posts."

Another administration ally who won last month also called for a thorough revamp. Sen. Edgardo Angara, one of only two administration candidates who won in the Senate race without the benefit of the controversial Maguindanao vote, said the President had no choice but to change her Cabinet too.

"Although I don't think she was defeated in other contests [that is, the local and congressional races], the [debacle in the senatorial elections] is a major political defeat and it calls for a drastic facelift," Angara said.

"As an organization man, I think you have to undergo a revamp of your staff when a major event happens. This is the tradition in Asia. When you change [the] Cabinet, you change personnel, present a new face, a fresh approach to things."

Is the President listening?

Speaker Jose de Venecia, while making a point of saying that he was not privy to the President's decision-making regarding the revamp, said he expected it to amount to a "large-scale purge." Tellingly, in a candid discussion with INQUIRER editors and reporters, he did not quarrel with the assumption that a major reorganization was indeed necessary.

We are aware, of course, that in the topsy-turvy world of politics, "large-scale purge" or "drastic facelift" or "housecleaning" could also be a code for "I won and I want my share of the spoils." In fact, we should expect that the allies who won big on May 14 will pressure the President to make room in her administration for their allies; that's the way the political cookie crumbles.

But it is also in the incumbent's deepest interest to get rid of the liabilities in her administration, starting with Cabinet secretaries who—through egregious political advice or by their sheer unpopularity—contributed to the President's "political defeat" in the Senate battlefield. A revamp, in other words, is not only a moral imperative (to recognize the Senate contest as a true referendum); it is also, eminently, a practical application of the art of the possible.



More bad news: Power bills may rise again

MORE BAD NEWS FOR MERALCO CONSUMERS: the purchased power adjustment (PPA)—the additional charge tacked on to our electric bills by Meralco, against which we all rebelled a few years ago—may stage a comeback. The Electric Power Industry Reform Act (Epira) abolished it. But now the Joint Congressional Power Commission (JCPC) is being pressured to revise Epira's implementing rules and regulations (IRR) to allow, again, the automatic pass-on of the PPA to the consumers.

The Supreme Court had pegged the generation charge to consumers at P4.41 per kWh. If the actual cost of power is more than that, Meralco has to submit a petition to the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) for the recovery of the excess. The ERC has to validate and approve the petition. Meralco claims that this rule is creating financial difficulties for it because of the lag in recovering the true costs. Meralco says its "unrecovered costs" now total P11 billion. Consequently, it can only make partial payments to its affiliate IPPs (independent power producers)—First Gas, Quezon Power and Duracorn—and to the National Power Corp. and the WESM.

If not remedied, Meralco says there will be a power crisis with devastating impact on businesses and employees.

On the other hand, the consumer interest group Nascore claims that these recoveries are really rate increases that must be subjected to public notices and hearings, as required by Sec. 4(e) of the IRR.

The Epira law and its IRR seek to protect consumers from uncontrolled additional charges. At one time, they caused the electric bills of consumers to jump by as much as 60 percent within months.

What was deplorable with the PPA was that it was abused by both the Meralco IPPs and Napocor. Meralco was criticized for its sweetheart deals with the Lopez-owned IPPs: high rates, high fuel base charges, and also take-or-pay provisions. Under Meralco's contract with Quezon Power, the base coal price was \$51 per metric ton when the market price at that time the deal was signed in the late 1990s was only \$31.

As I See It

Neal H. Cruz

A fair solution has to be made so that utilities like Meralco can recover their costs but at the same time protect the interest of consumers.

1. Meralco is asking the JCPC to revise Sec. 4(e) so that adjustments for fuel costs and foreign exchange charges to power generators (GRAM and Icera) be exempted from the requirements of publications and public hearings, thus avoiding the regulatory lag. The rationale is that these are cost movements that are beyond the control of the utilities. Instead, only applications or petitions for the general revision of a utility's distribution, supply and metering rates or related charges will be subjected to publication and hearings. This means only the ERC will be reviewing the applications for cost recoveries; the public, or consumers, will be excluded.

But isn't this addressing only the interest of the IPPs and distribution firms like Meralco? How about the interest of the consumers, who should be protected from abuses and overcharging?

And by the way, how has the ERC under former Rep. Rodolfo Albano been deciding such important issues? How many petitions for rate increases has he granted to Meralco and other IPPs and distributors?

2. The JCPC should include, in any revision of the Epira IRR, provisions that will protect the public interest.

A. Reduce abuse by making the generation charges of Meralco more transparent. Distribution utilities must further unbundle their generation charges into three: Napocor, Meralco IPPs and WESM so that the public will know how much each generator is charging. At present, power generators for Meralco are pointing fingers at each other.



Breast-feeding, breast-baring, before SC

THE METAPHOR "MOTHERHOOD AND APPLE PIE" refers to a social good that is beyond all challenge and debate. Who would have thought that the right of mothers to breast-feed their babies would be under siege today?

The Supreme Court has temporarily stopped the Department of Health from implementing the Milk Code, and as the Court braced for the oral arguments in that case, 21 mothers—in an act of "symbolic speech" to support the Milk Code—painted messages on their breasts and bared them at the Court's gates.

The law at issue is the Philippine Code of Marketing of Breast Milk Substitutes, issued by President Corazon Aquino in 1986. The Department of Health subsequently issued implementing rules, including a ban on advertisements for milk formulas.

The industry association (including Abbott Laboratories, Wyeth Philippines, Mead Johnson, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals, Bayer Philippines, Novartis, GlaxoSmithKline, Mercury Drug Corp.) has asked the Court to stop the DOH. While conceding the merits of breast-feeding, they invoke the constitutional doctrine of separated powers, saying that the "unelected" officials of the DOH had overstepped the bounds laid out in the Milk Code. They claim that the Milk Code covers only infants up to 12 months old, but the implementing rules now cover children up to 2 years old.

But Justice Renato Corona rightly asked why the DOH even needed a separate law to regulate breast-milk substitutes, when it already had the catch-all power under the Administrative Code to promote public health. Chief Justice Reynato Puno added that indeed the DOH can draw its rule-making powers from several other sources—laws passed by Congress, international treaties (like human rights covenants that require the State to take measures to reduce infant mortality), and the broad power of the state to protect the public's well-being (called the "police power," e.g., to seize rotten milk to protect consumers). As of this writing, the government has recalled

PASSION FOR REASON

Raul C. Pangalangan



about 2.5 million cans of formula products sold by Wyeth (including formula brands Bona, Promil Kid, Promil and Progress Gold), because they were contaminated by either molds (according to the DOH) or rust (according to Wyeth, in its own defense).

It is strange for the PHAP to impugn Health Secretary Francisco Duque and his staff as a "small coterie [of] unelected officials" exceeding their legislative authority. If memory serves me right, the Milk Code was drafted by Health Secretary Alran Bengzon and was signed into law by Executive Secretary Joker Arroyo during the transition period when Cory still had the power to make laws. The entire rationale of legislative primacy—that statutes are the collective product of an open deliberative process—was absent when the Milk Code was drafted. So what's the big fuss if the unelected Duque embellishes the unelected Bengzon? The separation of powers arguments sounds hollow in this historical context.

The Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Association of the Philippines (PHAP) also claims that the ad ban hampers the public's right to information and encroaches on the mother's freedom to choose between breast- and bottle-feeding. The "free flow of information" argument is specious.

Right now, the information flows freely in one direction, in favor of milk formulas, and that is why the state has to step in to restore the balance. Solicitor General Agnes Devanadera rightly argues that milk formula advertising has no other purpose than to displace breast-feeding and increase the sales of milk formula. It is commercial speech that enjoys a lower level of protection, and worse, it is economic con-

duct inimical to public health, subject to abatement under the nuisance doctrine.

My wife breast-fed all our children, and yet until the Rooming-in and Breast-feeding Law was adopted, we always found it difficult to make the nurses bring in our newborn baby for breast-feeding. First, the hospital fixed their own feeding hours, as if infants already had a schedule for recess and lunch. Then, when my wife reported at feeding time, the nurses would have already bottle-fed our baby, saying that, surprise, our baby got hungry ahead of their feeding hours. They should also have known that babies, once they find it easier to feed from the bottle, would have to be weaned back to the breast.

It was as if there was a dark conspiracy by the entire hospital staff to promote bottled milk. They did all that with an air of authority—and, mind you, that doesn't work with my wife, a Harvard-educated professor of Persons and Family Relations at the UP College of Law. Just imagine what they told the mothers who weren't lawyers?

Marketing by milk formula companies has become increasingly aggressive. The number of women who breast-feed their infants has gone down dramatically in just a few years, while the sales and profits of the companies have risen. The irony, in the words of Sen. Edgardo Angara, author of the Rooming-In and Breast-feeding Act of 1992, is that each year we import \$400 million in milk formula, but spend \$536 million to bury 15,000 bottle-fed babies, and another P3.5 billion to treat infant malnutrition and diarrhea. We needlessly fritter away our foreign exchange reserves. We forget nature's first form of immunization, enabling the infant to fight serious infection. We forgo the benefits of birth spacing as a form of natural birth control.

A final note though, about the 21 protesting mothers and their expressive breasts. Given the lack of outrage when the Court issued the stop order in August 2006, they certainly had a point. But more restraint is called for. When the other side is waving the banner of free speech, why up the ante with avant-garde symbolic speech?

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Scapegoat

ANALYSIS

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THE MOUNTAIN LABORED MIGHTILY LAST week when Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita pompously announced to the press that President Macapagal-Arroyo had asked "all" members of the Cabinet and heads of 117 corporations and financial institutions to give her a "free hand" preparatory to a sweeping revamp. A week after the announcement, the labor pains gave birth to a mouse, the sacking of Jose Mario Buñag as commissioner of internal revenue, who was blamed for the shortfall in revenue collection for the first quarter of 2007.

Buñag's head rolled in place of dozens of others who shamelessly have clung to their posts despite the fact that Ermita's original announcement emphatically made it clear "it's not a courtesy resignation" the President sought. Ermita said, "The President asked them to submit their resignation so that she will have a free hand." The announcement sparked hopes that the President was at last seizing the moment, through a sweeping overhaul, to regain the initiative following the administration's disastrous defeat in the senatorial election.

The hopes did not last more than a day. And in the days following Ermita's announcement, there were red faces of embarrassment all over the Palace. None in the Cabinet wanted to resign, and only a handful in the state financial institutions had handed in resignations, least of all (as of yesterday) the secretary of finance, who is in charge of these institutions. No one, except Environment Secretary Angelo Reyes, has submitted a three-paragraph letter of resignation. He didn't announce this in order not to embarrass his Cabinet colleagues.

Ermita himself is not known to have handed in a resignation, although there is a stronger reason for him to do so now, especially after he was repudiated by his other Cabinet colleagues, who appeared to have loved their jobs so much and probably required something more forceful—like the extraction of fingernails by pincers, which was done in the torture chambers of the Holy Institution. It turned

out from subsequent events that Ermita, according to some of his colleagues, did not accurately reflect the President's intentions. Two days after Ermita's press briefing, presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye "clarified" Ermita's announcement.

He said that "just to set the record straight" the President had indeed asked for the resignation of the heads of the financial institutions but the information that included Cabinet members in the purge was "inaccurate."

Bunye's clarification was quickly followed by the statement of Trade Secretary Peter Favila who said "there was no directive for Cabinet members to hand over their resignations." Ermita was further repudiated by Cabinet members in the lower rungs of the Cabinet hierarchy, such as Budget Secretary Rolando Andaya, who said he was still trying to verify whether there was such a directive on resignations. The national planning chief said he would not quit. Favila said he would not resign because no one had been given walking papers. Did Ermita make the announcement on his own initiative and without clearance from the President?

Now that he is being repudiated by Cabinet members less senior than he is (the executive secretary is virtually the chief executive officer of the Office of the President and is presumed to know best the mind of the President and to speak authoritatively on behalf of the President), where does Ermita stand?

Not even the presidential spokesperson can overrule the rectifications of the statements of

the executive secretary concerning sensitive political issues like their retention in the Cabinet. It may be asked: Did the President really want a big Cabinet revamp? That is now in doubt. Did she not tell other Cabinet members to not rectify Ermita's statement in order not to embarrass him? It is significant that after the flurry of rectification, she has remained above the fray. Who is in charge of Malacañang that is in a state of vacuum and disarray at a critical juncture? This is a valid question to ask when much is expected of the presidency to take the initiative in policy change.

During the past few days, Ermita and Bunye have been making the rounds of newspaper offices, including the *Inquirer*, explaining to editors and staff, the statements Ermita made in his briefing on the President's wishes on resignations. Their explanation tended to blame the Malacañang press corps for erroneous reporting and interpretation of Ermita's statements. Ermita promised to furnish the editors with the tapes of the briefing. Up until yesterday, the tapes and transcripts of the briefings had not been received.

Since the Ermita briefing, a groundswell has developed for the idea that now is the time to make a drastic revamp to regain public confidence, that the administration is prepared to initiate changes in Cabinet and policy. This idea has caught fire even among the members of Team Unity's senatorial ticket. One of the two TU survivors in the Senate election, Sen. Edgardo Angara, said a sweeping Cabinet facelift was needed to restore confidence in the administration.

The undermining of Ermita inside the Cabinet over his statements had the effect of scuttling one of the few opportunities offered to the administration to regain the political initiative with a Cabinet renewal, following its devastating defeat in the Senate election. The Palace has now shifted the blame to the financial sector because of its performance to meet revenue targets. It has found a convenient scapegoat in Buñag.

Is our work over?

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David



THIS is why we need to continue working against this impression, to dispel the "post-feminist" myth that women no longer face any problems regarding our inequality with men.

Of course, it's time we got past the "victimization" of women, the perpetuation of the line that we are so helpless that we cannot help ourselves or be agents of our own empowerment. But we also need to admit that women and children continue to face forms of oppression and exploitation, despite the progress made in various fields, not the least of which is legislation.

Which is why I congratulate the PLCPD and its partners in organizing this forum. Despite the public impression that we women have never had it so good, despite the opinion of many that we are simply expanding the sphere of our privileges and that we are demanding special treatment, you have gathered all of us here today to sit down and formulate an agenda for women and children to be pursued in the legislative arena.

And indeed, we need only read the headlines to realize that there is no lack of issues needing to be addressed by new laws or the amendment of old ones, or by the spirited implementation of existing laws that our officials are either ignorant of or that they simply choose to ignore.

ALMOST literally "grabbed from the headlines" are continuing violations of women's rights. Despite the passage of the progressive anti-rape law, we have seen how public perception of the crime, and of women who have gone public with their stories of rape, is still very much based on "blame-

ing the victim," on holding the woman responsible for her own abuse and the violence done on her. It was, after all, Filipino women who constituted the biggest "fan base" of US Marine Lance Cpl. Daniel Smith, and Filipino women who bore down hardest against Nicole.

The commutation of the double life sentence meted out to former congressman Romeo Jalosjos—especially the lack of a deafening public outcry against it—shows us that people not only have short memories, but that influence can buy even official umbrage and legal punishment. (Later, lawyer Karol Austria, who was on the panel, said the lack of public reaction may be indicative of the public's cynicism over the Arroyo administration's actions, such that they're no longer shocked or surprised at the favors granted a child rapist.)

We are now at the stage when, having won legal equality and protection against the more common forms of violence against women—rape and sexual harassment, domestic violence, trafficking—we now seek state guarantee of our most basic right, the right to control of—and autonomy over—our own bodies. The battle for our sexual and reproductive health and rights will not get any easier. In fact, we face an even steeper uphill climb than before.

THE SAME holds true for children's issues. Different forms of child abuse and exploitation persist, including those made possible by advances in technology, such as cyber-porn and the cyber-prostitution. True, a law addressing the needs of children in conflict with the law was recently passed, but there is need for Congress to diligently exercise its oversight function because not all agencies understand the details of the law and the spirit that animates that law. And we are now in the midst of a bruising battle over the health of Filipino babies as the health department confronts milk companies in the halls of the Supreme Court.

We need resolve and commitment, as well as strategic planning and some creativity, to erase the public perception that our struggles have been won, and to win renewed interest and support. We have so much more to do!

Fireflies

I WAS IN MINDANAO RECENTLY ON A RESEARCH assignment when, one night, a team member ran to us, inviting us to look at a tall pata tree (I haven't been able to locate its botanical name) where we were treated to a natural ballet performance—of fireflies.

The research team members, young and not-so-young, were all captivated. I realized, too, it had been a while since I had seen fireflies or, for that matter, dragonflies and other insects that used to be quite common—all driven away by urban pollution and environmental degradation.

Why these lights? One explanation is that the lights are used to attract mates. Another theory is that they send out signals to potential predators, a way of saying, hey, we've got these lights, so keep away, we're not that edible.

Beyond these cold biological explanations, fireflies have sparked the imagination of people everywhere. The English name "firefly" focuses on the insects' rear light, but our Tagalog "alitaptap" seems to take a different focus. I wonder if the names in our region refer to the way the lights flicker: think "audibly" and you can imagine the fireflies: *alitaptap*, *alitaptap*. The Kapampangan name "alipatpat" has a similar quality. To the south, we get "aninipot" in Bikol, languages and in Cebuano and Hiligaynon, but in Waray it is "bukatkat."

The firefly has entered our folklore, with at least one folk tale circulating in the Internet. Supposedly the daughter of two gods, Alitaptap was born with a star on her forehead. When their kingdom was threatened with an invasion, Alitaptap's father begged her to marry the son of their rival. Alitaptap refused and the enraged father struck her with a sword, sending the star on her forehead flying in the air and disintegrating into many small lights. The invasion apparently pushed through and Alitaptap's homeland was ravaged. All that was left after the carnage were those flickering lights, the little *alitaptap*.

I haven't been able to confirm if this rather gruesome story actually comes from one of our legends, but I did find several entries for fireflies in Damiana Eugenio's "Philippine Folk Literature: The Riddles" (UP Press, 2005). Most of the riddles suggest a person carrying a light. For example, from Bulacan, we have this riddle: "Eto na si Ingkong, may dalang dulong (Here's Ingkong with a light)." When the riddle uses a woman, they become risqué. For example, this one from Bicol: "Naglayog si manay, nagsisiga an puday (Sister flew, her vagina sparkling)."

Other riddles describe persons or animals with gold in its anus. A quaint one: "Maliit pa si Tsikito, marunong nang manabako (Still small, Tsikito already knows how to smoke)."

Firefly fireworks

The best riddles are the ones that truly baffle. This Waray riddle is succinctly complex: "Kanan kahuyon kalayo, diri nakakapas (The fairy's fire that does not burn)."

This Tagalog riddle challenges the mind: "Hindi ilaw, may liwanag; Hindi mata, kumikindat; Kung madilim, tumataas; Kapag mapagod, lumalakad (Not a lamp, but it is bright. Not an eye, it winks. When it's dark, it soars; when tired, it walks)."

Now shouldn't our quiz shows begin to feature such riddles and help reverse the dumbing down of the Filipino? But let's not wait for the networks to do that; get a copy of Eugenio's book and pick out a few riddles each week to tackle with the children. The anthology has more than a thousand pages, with enough riddles to last through the whole of childhood.

Another favorite of mine is in Ilocano: "Nagmulaak iti sili idiyang sanga diyalamagi; nakaskasdaw, pari, ta nagbunga iti diya-mante (I planted chili pepper on the branch of the tamarind tree; it was surprising, friend, for it bore diamonds)."

I'm baffled by the reference to chili pepper, but I like the way the riddle talks about how a tamarind tree yields diamonds. I got to wondering if perhaps fireflies are particularly attracted to tamarind trees. I suspect they probably do look for certain types of trees, preferably those that are quite tall, but perhaps also with other forms of attraction.

Trees along river banks seem to be particular favorites of fireflies, with several places in Southeast Asia drawing tourists because the fireflies actually synchronize their lighting, going on and off together. Now that's another natural wonder to study, maybe, a form of male cooperation (it's mainly the males who signal to the females).

When I directed an anthropological field school in Donsol, Sorsogon a few years back, residents told me the Donsol river often had spectacular firefly displays at night, but I was never able to get to see them. Donsol is where you have the *butanding*, but it looks like they could develop night cruises down their river for the firefly "fireworks."

'Anting-anting'

Another reason why I like that Ilocano riddle is that it tells us something about popular culture. To have come up with that riddle, the Ilocanos, and I'm sure many other cultures, had to be quite observant of the fireflies and their habitats. Not only that, the riddle captures the way that natural phenomena thrilled onlookers.

A few weeks back, I was in Quiapo researching the assorted *anting-anting* (amulets) being sold near the church. There was a *lola* with whom I bonded almost immediately. I had picked up an item for her to identify and she had gone, in a deadpan voice, "Apdo ng sawa" (snake gall bladder), rattling off its many purported uses. Next was a bony item. Without batting an eyelash, she went, "Tiri ng buwaya" (crocodile penis) and I think you can guess what uses that was for. We went on and on, and she was totally cooperative but in an almost mechanical way.

At one point I picked up a piece of wood with black striations. Lola's face remained deadpan, but I could sense a slight difference in her facial demeanor. "A, suwerte 'yan (It brings luck)," she said, and then she explained what it was: "Kahoy ng dapdap, na dinapan ng alitaptap." I caught every word but almost wanted to beg her to repeat it, because it came through almost poetic. Note how an English translation "wood from the *dapdap* tree, touched by fireflies" sounds so terribly bland, but the visual imagery from the description still has its charm.

A tamarind tree yielding diamonds, or a *dapdap* tree with waltzing lights—I can see why people are so touched, maybe wanting even to take a piece of the wood home as an amulet. I showed a piece of that wood to students in Ateneo's new medical school, my way of trying to trigger their imagination, open their minds to popular culture and what people do.

I'm asked all the time: do amulets work? And I say not in the sense that they have power on their own. The *dapdap* wood touched by fireflies has no efficacy of its own, but hearing the description sparks something in our minds, recreating a whole sensory experience that can be comforting.

If the fireflies, tiny fireflies, only knew how their mating rituals are given new meanings by human onlookers.

Collectors' wares as history lessons

LOOKING BACK

Ambeth R. Ocampo



Plaza Mayor and discovered that on Sunday mornings the place swarms with stamp collectors. Serious types sat in groups inside the cafés discussing stamps and examining each others' wares with magnifying lens. There were dealers, collectors and *usiseros* like me. Like many schoolboys, I collected stamps, and the wide range of stamps (from all countries) available made it possible to have stamps to suit all budgets and persuasions.

There seemed to have been some sort of zoning in the way the stalls were set up: one quadrant of the ancient plaza was devoted to stamps, another was filled with paper money where I saw a man haggling for a mint-condition 10-peso bill with Apolinario Mabini on it. I walked further and the stalls moved from coins to coins, everything from the authentic to copies, reproductions and outright fakes. Many of the silver coins looked old because of oxidation but were actually re-strikes of popular types. I poked through boxes of coins from ancient Greece and Rome so cheap it was too good to be true. There was even a 19th-century gold coin minted in Manila with the profile of Isabel II selling for 120 euros; the same coin, in better condition, could be had in Manila for half the price. I wished I had brought a handful of these coins from Manila to exchange them in Madrid for something else that interests me.

Then there were stalls with postcards, photographs, telephone cards and even manuscripts dating all the way back to the 17th century, mostly notarial records. Naturally, I hoped to find

something on the Philippines, but gave up from the sheer number of documents available. I spent some time in a stall selling old bonds and stock certificates, and leafed through a folder filled with stocks of the Compania General de Tabacos de Filipinas with beautiful illustrations, documentary stamps, seals and signatures dating back to the 1880s. I tried in vain to locate the red and black stock certificates of the Manila-Dagupan railway for the simple, sentimental reason that Rizal lost his fiancée Leonor Rivera to an English engineer who worked on the railroad.

The closest we can get to a "Rastro" here would be Evangelista Street in Makati where one can buy everything from used toilet bowls to crystal chandeliers from Czechoslovakia unloaded from a posh Forbes Park home. There are antique shops in Ermita and, of course, upscale *soyal* shops like the one run by Kit Roxas in Makati where I share a humble merienda of hot pan de sal served on fine china complete with silver knives to spread the coco jam. There are regular auctions held by the Bayanhan Collectors Club and the Philippine Banknote Society where one can find collectors' selling and exchanging all sorts of curiosities.

The mother of all these clubs is the Philippine Numismatic and Antiquarian Society (PNAS) founded in 1929 and now headed by its newly minted president, R. William Villareal, who sent me a catalogue for its auction on June 24, 2007 in the Manila Yacht Club. The catalogue contains the usual: stamps, coins, bank notes, prints and engravings. There are many curiosities on the block, meaning, there will be much more on the bourse tables.

Whether one comes to buy or look, a few hours here would be a painless and enjoyable history lesson.

Comments are welcome at aocampo@ateneo.edu

SUNDAY NIGHT LAST WEEK IN MADRID reminded me of the thrill of Edsa 1986 as well as the noise barrage that disturbed the seeming peace and quiet of the Marcos years. All of Madrid seemed to be on the road to Santiago, not the ancient place of pilgrimage in Santiago de Compostela, but to the Santiago Bernabeu football stadium. Since traffic was bad, roads gridlocked, people walked from all points in Madrid to the stadium. And this made me wonder whether Madrid's true religion is football, not Catholicism.

Real Madrid played against Barcelona in a rivalry best understood by Filipinos as the annual Ateneo-La Salle basketball game, but this was different. Real Madrid had not won a cup in four years and when they managed it last Sunday, the whole city exploded in a frenzy. We don't have anything like it in the Philippines, not even for Pacquiao. People honked their car horns, they screamed, they danced and they waved Real Madrid flags, scarves and T-shirts. It was rowdy but very positive energy. Despite being caught in traffic, I was glad to be there and experience it first-hand.

Earlier in the day, I planned a visit to the weekly flea market known as El Rastro in the heart of Madrid where one can buy almost anything. (The last time I was there, some years back, the convent of Benedictine nuns was robbed and one of the Filipina sisters insisted that I accompany her to comb the Rastro and locate her stolen accoutrement.) The place is always crowded and a favorite of pickpockets and I had come prepared. The Internet forecast when I left Manila predicted "sunny and hot," so I gleefully packed T-shirts, a pair of walking shorts and flip-flops to keep me hip and comfortable, not knowing that my Sunday in the Rastro would be accented by rain with the temperature dropping at one wet point to 10 from the expected 35 degrees centigrade.

To avoid being drenched, I skipped the Rastro and sought shelter in the covered sidewalks of the



A proposal to end vote-buying once and for all

WHY DO MEMBERS OF THE SAME FAMILY, particularly those of reelectionist politicians, usually win the elections? This is evident in Congress whose members are scions (or close relatives) of families who dominated it in the past. The obvious answer is money. These politicians usually "win" because they have more money to buy votes, control political leaders, dole out patronage, hire guns and goons, etc. Simply stated, under our existing political system, he who has the gold rules.

Clearly, the solution to this kind of politics is to neutralize the power and influence of money in elections by changing the manner of electing candidates.

My proposal is to allow each voter to vote for at least three candidates (running for the same position, such as for mayor, governor, congressman or even for vice governor and vice mayor) of his choice. A vote for only one or two candidates should be considered invalid except if there are only three candidates

or less, which is most unlikely under this system. The candidate with the most number of votes will be the winner.

Under this system of voting, no candidate will resort to vote-buying as this will not get him elected anyway because a vote for himself alone will not be counted. And he will not be inclined to buy votes for himself and for two other candidates he believes are weak (if only to avoid an invalid vote) because the latter might obtain more votes than him. (The two

will surely get votes on their own.)

Aside from doing away with money politics and other dirty practices in our electoral process, the proposal will level the playing field and, thus, will encourage more qualified and competent candidates to run for public office, thereby giving the electorate more deserving choices.

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Drive vs illegal vendors still on

THIS REFERS TO A "CITIZEN'S Call" (09188985566) item titled "Illegal vendors, illegal terminal" which was sent by Ed Recheta of Sauro Road, Novaliches, Quezon City. (INQUIRER, 6/4/07)

Please be informed that our policemen from the Talipapa Police Station (PS-3) headed by Police Supt. Gerardo B. Ratuita, in coordination with the Quezon City Hall Market Department Enforcement Office, have continuously been going after illegal vendors in the area. Recently, PCP-4 commander Police Insp. Ferdinand Parifias led another operation against them.

While most of the illegal vendors voluntarily and peacefully vacated the sidewalks intended for pedestrians, there were some who resisted. They were later convinced to leave the area with the help of the Quezon City Hall Market Department Office led by a certain Jerry Dijan.

With regard to the allegedly "illegal" jeepney terminals, we would like to inform the INQUIRER that Tasjoda and Batasmajoda obtained and presented a copy of their permit from the Department of Public Order and Safety. The permit allows them to temporarily use one lane of the southbound service road of Commonwealth Avenue, pending clearing operations of vendors at the staging area at the Westside easement of Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City.

I have directed Police Superintendent Ratuita, PS3 station commander, to sustain the campaign.

I wish to assure Recheta of our relentless campaign against illegal activities in Quezon City.

—MAGTANGGOL
B. GATDULA, CSEE,
police senior superintendent,
Quezon City Police District,
Camp Karingal, Sikatuna Village,
Quezon City

Fil-Estate defends 'fired' employees

IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION that the INQUIRER published on June 3, 2007 a "Notice to the Public" concerning two of our employees, namely Arnold M. Papa and Vincent M. Papa. The notice claimed that the two gentlemen were "no longer connected as sales agents of MC Newcoast Villatel Corp."

Please note that Arnold M. Papa and Vincent M. Papa are not employees of MC Newcoast Resort Villatel Corp. They are employees of Fil-Estate Marketing Associates Inc. Vincent M. Papa is, in fact, the vice president of the corporation. For the INQUIRER's reference, I am attaching a copy of (1) Employee ID No. 33825 (Vincent M. Papa) and Employee ID No. 33896 (Arnold M. Papa); (2) Certification of Employment; and (3) Office Address: 2nd Floor, Renaissance Tower, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, to prove that both persons are employees of Fil-Estate and not of the supposed MC Newcoast Villatel Corp. (MCNVC).

In this regard, both Arnold and Vincent Papa could not have resigned from and neither could they have been terminated by MCNVC. The notice that was caused to be published by MCNVC was made in

bad faith and with ill motives.

We are very curious as to what the INQUIRER used as basis for agreeing to publish the false and malicious "Notice to the Public."

Bear in mind that after the bogus notice came out, Arnold and Vincent Papa were inundated with calls from surprised friends, colleagues and family. Aside from the sheer inconvenience of having to explain matters to each and every one of them, the negative connotation which the notice evoked, brought serious embarrassment and grave anxiety to them. It is without exaggeration to state that their immediate family has suffered sleepless nights due to this incident.

In view of this egregious error committed by the INQUIRER, we are demanding, on behalf of the two fine gentlemen, that it immediately issue an ad (1) correcting the false Notice to the Public; (2) apologizing to them for whatever wrong impression that the false notice might have caused.

—LEANDRO V. DE MESA,
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Kidnappers told: Give Bossi coffee, cigarettes

ZAMBOANGA CITY—A CUP OF COFFEE and cigarettes will make Fr. Giancarlo Bossi's day.

"Please give him coffee. If you offer him a cup of coffee, he will really love it and that is a way to start making conversation with him," Fr. Gianni Battista Sandalo, regional superior of the Pontifical Institute of Foreign Missions (PIME), said.

Aside from coffee, Fr. Luciano Benedetti, also of PIME and a former kidnapping victim himself, said Bossi also likes to smoke.

"If you give him cigarette he will appreciate it and he will start interacting," Benedetti said.

Sandalo said although Bossi is a passionate person, if the kidnappers will not talk with him, "in a way joining him in what he does, he will never answer to you."

Emotional

Benedetti said Bossi is also a very emotional man when it comes to work and family. He is very emotional and "cries a lot when the topic is about his mother and his parish."

Sandalo said Bossi built the parish in Payao, "using his bare hands, that is how passionate he is with his work."

"Giancarlo's way of life is more than a priest, he is a carpenter and a farmer," he added.

A letter from his favorite niece Elionora, a second year college Psychology student in Italy, would surely bring tears to his eyes, Sandalo said.

Translating part of the letter, Sandalo said Elionora wrote: "I hope you are taking care of yourself. I hope you are washing your feet, clean your teeth. I hope you are doing fine things there, and I hope you are going to establish nice relations with your abductors."

Sandalo said Elionora has asked the PIME community to have the letter reach her uncle, "but at this point we don't know how to bring this letter to him, no contact, no development from his captors."

Eid Kabalu, spokesperson of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, said Bossi's ab-



FR. GIANCARLO BOSSI: An emotional man who loves coffee and cigarettes.

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ductors should be taking care of their captive.

Letter from Italy

"It might be my speculation, but I know Bossi is still alive and doing well because I know that kidnappers will treat him well because they view him as their investment, so they will provide whatever they have to make Bossi's life comfortable and they will take care of him more than the way they take care of themselves," Kabalu told the INQUIRER.

But Kabalu also admitted that he has not received reports from their emissaries on the ground, "as they have been set aside starting this morning when the Ad-hoc Joint Action Group (AHJAG) mechanism has officially expired."

Kabalu said their operations are concentrated in the towns of Sultan Naga Dimaporo and Sultan Gumander in Lanao del Norte.

The government and MILF, who are talking peace, formed AHJAG on May 6, 2002,

to hunt down terrorists and lawless elements in Mindanao. But the antiterror group's mandate expired June 21 and there was no indication yet from government and MILF peace panel of a possible extension.

Formalities

Maj. Gen. Benjamin Dolorfino, head of the government's AHJAG, said the MILF Peace Panel, through its chief negotiator Mohagher Iqbal, had already issued an assurance coming from the MILF Central Committee that gives special authority to the MILF AHJAG to continue efforts for the safe release of Bossi.

But such an order still needs the concurrence of the government peace panel.

"Although I was given a verbal assurance that I am still clothed with authority, it would be better if I receive the official communication," Dolorfino said.

"Our hands are tied in the absence of official stand from both sides. It is good that the MILF Central Committee has already issued its own communication," Dolorfino added.

In Tubod, Lanao del Norte, close to 100 fully armed MILF forces led by Commander Abusawaf, of the 115th Command Base, set up a checkpoint in a coastal road within the boundary of Lanao del Norte and Lanao del Sur.

Commander Cobra Ibrahim, deputy chief of the command, told INQUIRER they were just doing their duty to support the government forces in rescuing Bossi who was abducted 12 days ago.

Ibrahim said they were sending their contact civilians in the hinterlands to check if the priest and his abductors are in the area.

Army soldiers also positioned themselves as a blocking force in another village.

On Wednesday evening, a multi-sectoral group in Ipil, Zamboanga Sibugay staged a prayer vigil. Julie Alipala and Richel Umel, *Inquirer Mindanao*

AFP, MILF resume rescue plan

By Christine O. Avendaño

THE MILITARY AND THE MORO ISLAMIC LIBERATION FRONT (MILF) agreed to resume rescue operations to free Italian priest Giancarlo Bossi from his kidnappers after the appointment of a new head of a government panel negotiating a peace agreement with Moro rebels.

The operations were called off on that technicality, but were resumed after Prof. Rudy Rodil, of the Mindanao State University and vice chair of the panel, was appointed chief negotiator.

The appointment paved the way for government concurrence to an MILF order allowing its forces to take part in the rescue operations. The government concurrence was needed before the rescue operations were to take off.

Maj. Gen. Benjamin Dolorfino earlier said they were awaiting the designation of Rodil as head of the negotiating panel.

"His designation is expected to be signed anytime now by the President," he told reporters, minutes before Rodil was actually designated.

Dolorfino said it was the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process that recommended Rodil for the position.

He said it was possible that joint

operations between the government and the MILF would resume "either (last night) or today."

Dolorfino also said this development—the expiration of the AHJAG mechanism—did not mean that rescue operations for Bossi were suspended.

He said government and MILF forces remain in the area that was cordoned off and that intelligence gathering between them continue.

It has been more than a week since Bossi was kidnapped as he left his parish in Payao town in Zamboanga Sibugay by armed men.

Military and MILF forces had identified since Sunday the place where Bossi was being held and had cordoned off the area.

Dolorfino said it was MILF peace panel Mohagher Iqbal, in a memorandum, who informed the government peace panel of the expiration yesterday of the AHJAG.

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say they're fall guys**

By Volt Contreras

TWO JUNIOR POLICE officers implicated in the torching of a schoolhouse in Taysan, Batangas, hours after the May 14 elections and subsequent killing of three poll workers said they were framed up and were made fall guys in the case.

They filed a complaint against six of their superior officers who handled the case.

Insp. Roberto Marinda and SPO2 William Relos Jr. insisted they were "framed" in a 14-page joint affidavit filed at the Office of the Ombudsman in Quezon City yesterday.

Their lawyer said his clients were merely targeted for "vendetta" by certain local politicians after the two officers scored "accomplishments" in the region under Oplan Paglalansag, a crackdown on unlicensed firearms.

"They had received threats earlier saying that after the elections they will be having problems, and this must be the realization (of those threats)," their counsel Romeo Esmero told the INQUIRER.

Esmero said the two officers are also lodging complaints before the Commission on Human Rights.

Now under restrictive custody and cannot leave their camp without escorts, Marinda and Relos are facing charges of arson resulting in homicide at the Batangas Provincial Prosecutor's Office.

But the two officers have since struck back, first by filing a complaint on June 6 against Supt. Elwin Fernandez, head of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group of the Batangas police. They sued him for perjury and "incriminatory machinations" at the Quezon City Fiscal's Office.

Their latest move at the Ombudsman was directed at Fernandez, Director Edgardo Doromal of the CIDG (national office) in Camp Crame; Senior Supt. Mark Edison Belarmino of CIDG-Region 4-A; Batangas provincial commander Freddie Panin; Taysan Chief of Police, Chief Insp. Elpidio Ramirez, and the latter's deputy Insp. Ruel dela Cruz.

Aside from committing perjury, illegal detention, and obstruction of justice, the respondents had allegedly "usurped" the functions of the Bureau of Fire Protection. The complaint said the BFP, not the police, was the "sole and



SPO2 WILLIAM Relos tries to avoid the glare of camera flashes as he, and Insp. Roberto Marinda file a complaint alleging they were framed up and made fall guys in the torching of a school building in Taysan, Batangas.

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exclusive" investigator of arson cases.

The two suspects maintained they were part of the police team that responded to the call for help while the school burned but that Fernandez later "forced" a witness to tag them as among the arsonists.

The document said Cesar Suyom, one of the eyewitnesses, was coerced into pointing to Marinda in a police lineup—but only on the third viewing—on May 21, six days after the fire.

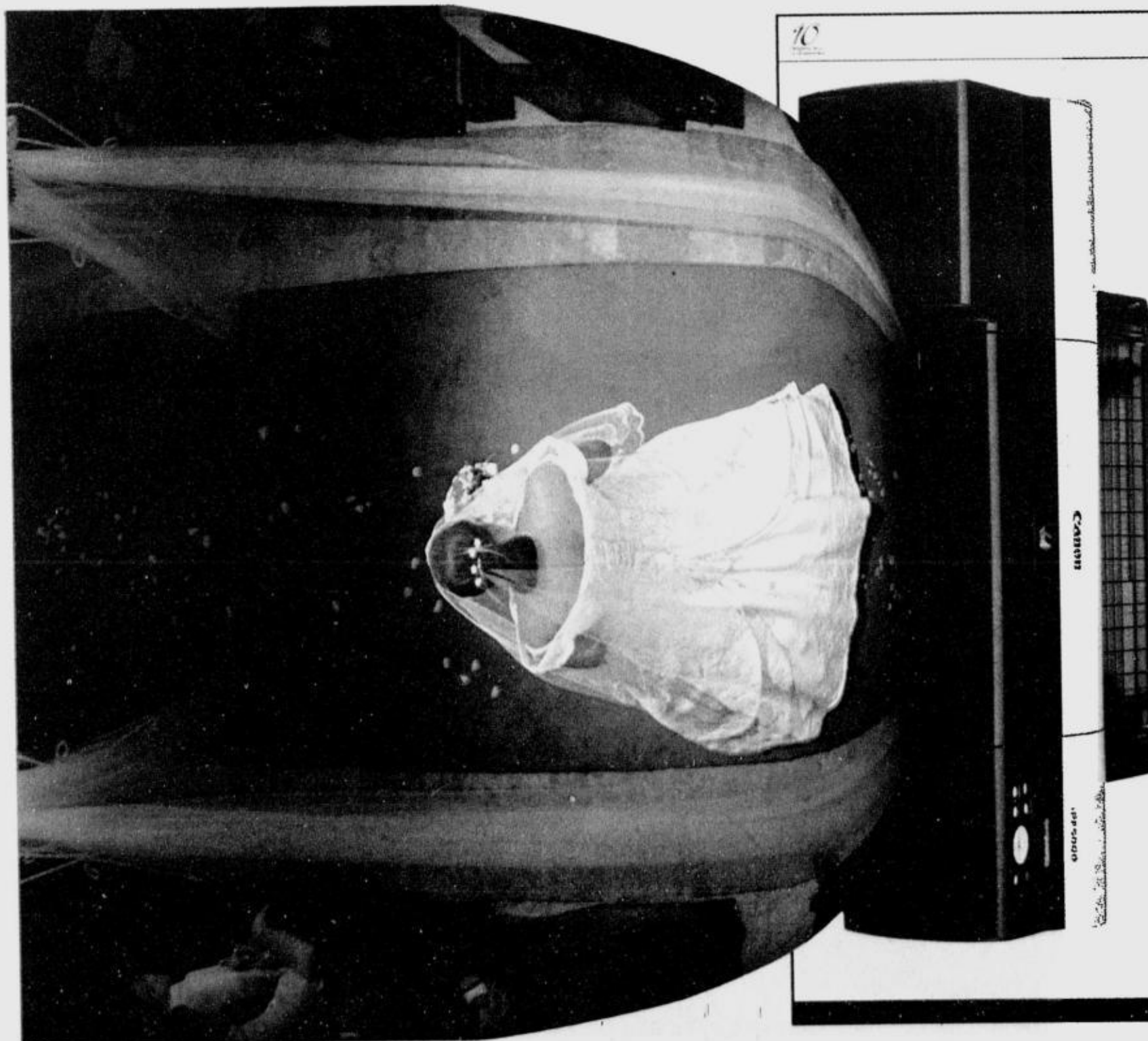
During the first two viewings, Suyom could not get himself to identify Marinda as the same man who had forced him at gunpoint to lay face down on the ground as the school burned.

This was because it was Marinda himself who actually accompanied Suyom to an artist of the National Bureau of Investigation for the latter to describe the suspects, the complaint stressed.

The complaint said 10 other witnesses summoned by the CIDG could not identify Marinda or Relos to be among the five men who set the school ablaze. They included two residents from whom the real arsonists bought gasoline, and five Air Force personnel who guarded the school.

Then used as a polling precinct, a building of the Pinagbayanan Elementary School in Taysan was torched at around 3 a.m. on May 15.

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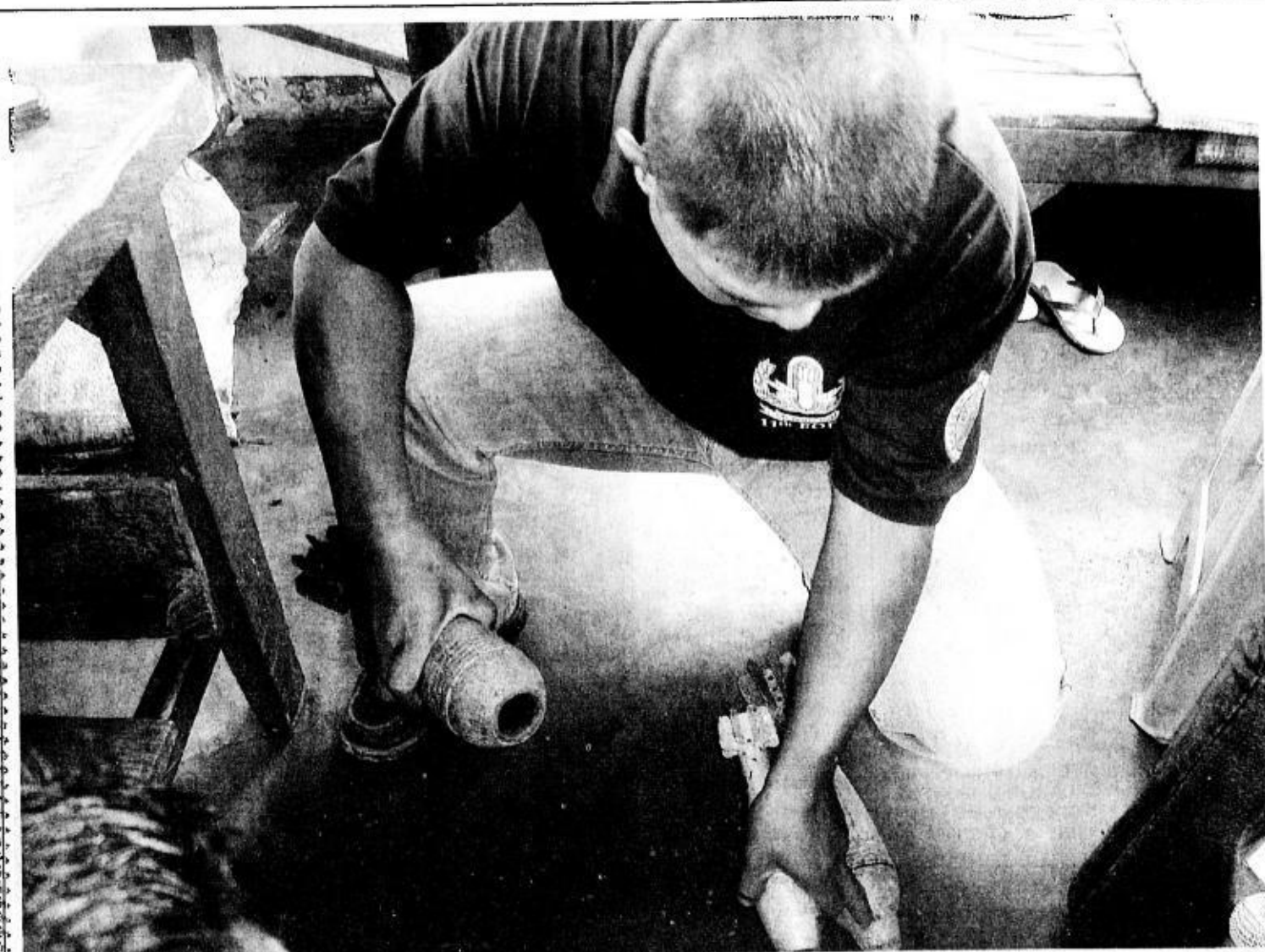
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A policeman holds three bombs that were found in a junk shop in Digos City. They were sold by an unidentified man to the junk shop. The seller fled immediately after he received payments for the bombs. Two of the bombs won't explode anymore, but the third one would.

ORLANDO DINOY/INQUIRER MINDANAO

Search for scrap metal leads to death of 3 men

CLARK FREEPORT—THREE men believed to be scavenging for metal scraps in this eco-zone were pinned to death on Wednesday night after the cover of an abandoned US military oil tank crashed on them, a security official said on Thursday.

The bodies of Renato Medina, 38, and Renato Genese, 27, were recovered by a rescue team of the Philippine Air Force on Thursday morning, according to Senior Supt. Nicanor Targa,

chief of the public safety office of the state-run Clark Development Corp.

Targa said the team was still working at 1 p.m. to recover the body of the third fatality, Jonel Cuenco.

Escaped

Their five companions escaped unharmed by fleeing to an underground canal. All were residents of Barangay Sapang Bato in Angeles City. The village is outside the north

perimeter of Clark.

Targa said the eight men were allegedly looting one of three abandoned oil tanks embedded on the mountains of Sapang Bato. The area used to be the oil depot of the US military. Six tanks there are leased and operated by the Coastal PTT.

Underground canal

The suspects penetrated Oil Tank No. 9, which was 32 feet high and has a diameter of 137,

by passing through an underground canal.

Quoting investigators, Targa said the cover, which was made of heavy metal, caved in after the suspects used acetylene to melt the tank's side braces.

According to him, the area was accessible to looters because a concrete fence there had not been repaired after the 1991 eruptions of Mt. Pinatubo.

Tonette Orejas, Inquirer Central Luzon

Fishermen spurn oil explorers' payment offer

By Jhunnex Napallacan and Kit Bagalpo
Inquirer Visayas

CEBU CITY—FISHERMEN protesting an ongoing oil exploration at the Bohol-Cebu Strait rejected offers to compensate them for income loss as a result of the exploration and instead sought a court order to stop it.

Tagbilaran City Mayor Dan Lim and 30 leaders of nongovernment organizations (NGOs), fishermen's groups and local government units filed a petition at the Bohol Regional Trial Court to stop the oil exploration in the area.

The project cordoned off an area with a 15-km radius, preventing access to fishing grounds.

The petition was addressed to Allan Arranguez, Department of Environment and Natural Resources acting regional director; Energy Secretary Rafael Lotilla; and Rufino Bomasang, chair of NorAsian Energy Ltd., the firm that is conducting the exploration.

The complainants said conducting seismic surveys in the strait will bring "irreparable harm" to marine life, citing previous studies.

They said documents explaining the project failed to mention its effects on fishing grounds in the area.

The process requires the use of machines that send out loud noise under the sea. The complainants said some fish species in the area could be harmed by noise of less than 100 decibels.

They said the project proponents also failed to secure first an environmental impact statement that was needed before such an exploration could begin.

The NorAsian and DoE, the complainants said, also failed to



hold consultations with fishermen and other groups near the project site.

Lawyer Raul Barbarona, president of the Bohol Alliance of Nongovernment Organizations (Bangon), said a court order from Bohol would stop the exploration even in the Cebu side.

Bohol Gov. Erico Aumentado has formed a group to study the effects of the seismic survey on marine life and compute compensation for the fishermen, but Barbarona said the process would take too long.

Barbarona said 4,000 to 5,000 fishermen from the towns of Loon, Maribojoc, Cortes, Dauis, Panglao and Tagbilaran City have yet to be compensated for loss of income.

In Cebu, some fishermen have received compensation of P7,000 (for those from Argao) and P8,000 (for those from Sibonga town).

Fishermen from the towns of Dalaguete, Alcoy and Bolhoon have yet to receive any compensation.

The militant fishermen's group, Pambansang Lakas ng Kilusang Mamamalakaya (Pamalakaya), warned that a shortage in fish could occur as a result of the seismic survey in the Visayan Seas.



PEDESTRIANS briefly took over Baguio City's streets during Independence Day celebrations June 12. Traffic congestion, ruled by jeeps and other motor vehicles, returned soon after and all eyes have been diverted to a concrete pine tree that was seen as the bottleneck's cause.

VINCENT CABREZA/INQUIRER NORTHERN LUZON

Ax to fall soon on concrete tree

BAGUIO CITY—BAGUIO OLD-TIMERS HAVE been lobbying for the destruction of a concrete pine tree ordered built by a local politician on Session Road here.

But it is the summer capital's worsening traffic jam around that structure which may finally justify its removal.

Senior Supt. Moises Guevarra, city police director, has endorsed plans to remove or relocate the concrete tree to ease the bottleneck in that area.

Guevarra said Mayor Reynaldo Bautista Jr. has ordered city personnel to start developing traffic control measures and may order the removal of that concrete tree soon.

The concrete tree functions as a rotunda for traffic entering or leaving Session Road, but traffic there has increased because of a nearby shopping mall.

The concrete tree was built in the late 1990s by the Department of Public Works and Highways using pork barrel funds from former Baguio City Rep. Bernardo Vergara.

But Vergara, in past interviews, disowned reports he designed the pine tree, saying it was conceptualized by the DPWH Baguio office.

Guevarra said Bautista discussed the fate of the concrete tree with other stakeholders in traffic administration to draw up mitigating measures.

"We only have 7.2 km of roads leading to downtown Baguio and it is not enough to address the overwhelming number of vehicles in the city today," Guevarra said.

He said Bautista also invited traffic management experts of the University of the Philippines to help the city draft a comprehensive traffic control plan.

The DPWH wanted to be involved in talks that would decide the tree's fate, the INQUIRER learned.

Bautista said the DPWH has a stake in the structure and is interested in what mechanism the city plans to put up to replace it.

"If we push [the concrete tree's] removal, it's going to be dependent on the traffic scheme for that particular area. A rotunda there is no longer [useful]," he said.

He said the city plans to build an island or a divider instead to regulate traffic flow, but that would depend on other related measures that would address the city's on-street parking issues and narrow roads.

Guevarra said the city could build pay parking buildings along the outskirts of the business districts here.

The concrete tree was one of the subjects of an on-line petition seeking new policies that could help convert Baguio into a heritage city.

"The concrete pine tree on top of Session Road should be removed or else replaced by a pine seedling," read the petition.

Traffic control is a major topic in the same petition.

"Car pooling, bicycle lanes, and other innovative ways of addressing traffic could be tested in select areas, including the closure of Session Road to traffic, and promoted as a main promenade for pedestrians, especially, tourists," it says.

"We, residents and friends of Baguio scattered over the seven continents that love and still consider Baguio as home, lament the status of Baguio City from what it used to be to its current pathetic state. Vincent Cabreza, Inquirer Northern Luzon

Expansion of veggie farms threatens Benguet forests

LA TRINIDAD, BENGUET—THE EXPANSION of farmlands continues to threaten the province's forests and watersheds and local officials say the policy conflict between vegetable industry growth and forest protection has made the situation worse.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) said that an average of 220 hectares of forest land are being converted every year into vegetable gardens, an alarming trend for the province's 221,458.75 hectares of forest area.

Mayor Nestor Fongwan, the province's incoming governor, said the major order of battle for the next three years would be to reclaim lost environment and rid forests and watersheds of encroachments.

He said the forest and moss depletion of Mt. Data National Park found in Benguet and Mt. Province due to vegetation is a clear example of loss of natural resources.

He said he would bring to the province this town's successful program that insulated its communal forests in Barangays Alno, Alapang, Puguis and Shilan from land speculators and encroachers.

Bartolome Dulinen, DENR senior ecosystem management specialist, said forest resources could be classified as protected areas, military reservations, communal forests, timberlands and civil reservations.

"Unfortunately, even the protected areas are being converted into farmlands," he said.

He said Benguet has more than 60 communal forests.

The province and towns must conduct an assessment of the status of these resources in relation to the policy of strengthening the vegetable industry, he said.

Fongwan said a key move would be to convince the government to revise its policy of assistance to communities affected by the construction of dams.

He said owners of hydroelectric power plants are required to rehabilitate the forest resources of communities that hosted the dams but little or no help is given to the communities that hosted the dam's headwaters.

He said he has already talked with San Roque multipurpose dam officials and explored the possibility of coming out with an agreement on resource protection for the province's headwater communities.

San Roque dam generates power in San Manuel, Pangasinan, but draws its waters from the Agno River that flows along Buguias, Kabayan, Bokod and Itogon towns.

"The battle cry is to win back these forests or else we will lose our sources of water in the near future," he said. **Delmar Cariño, Inquirer Northern Luzon**

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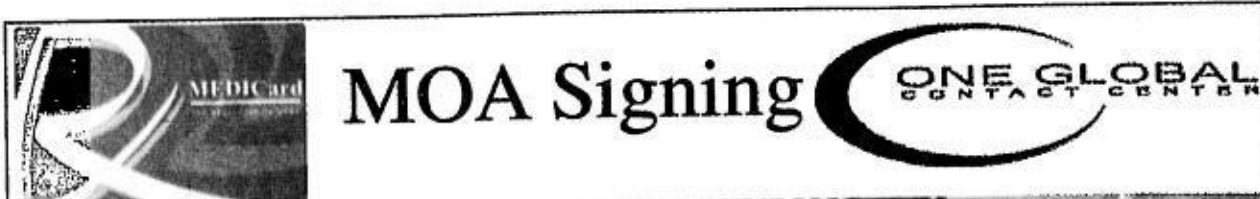
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By David Israel Sinay
Inquirer Visayas

ILOILO CITY—HE may be retiring from politics for good but he won't let go of his pet projects in the city.

"I have reached the end of my political career. But I still have projects to continue," said outgoing Vice Mayor Guillermo de la Llanza.

Now 79, De la Llanza is the man behind Task Force for the Mentally Ill Persons. He initiated the construction of a P1.7-million rehabilitation facility for people with mental disorders. Currently, the facility has 29 patients.

"I have been helping these people even before I joined politics," said De la Llanza, who is a dentist by profession.

He said he had already assisted some 5,000 mentally ill patients. He also has nine children, 21 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren to keep him alert, he said.

De la Llanza first served as city councilor in 1988 and was elected vice mayor in 1998. He lost his bid for mayor in 2001 against Mayor Jerry Treñas but in 2004 decided to team up with him and won as vice mayor again.

He, however, credits Treñas for the city's progress.

"(Had I become mayor) I can never bring the city of Iloilo like this," he said. He did not seek reelection on May 14 because he had lost interest in politics.

But De la Llanza said he felt sad leaving because he would no longer be with "the group I have learned to love," referring to Treñas and other city officials.

"You leave the group at the height of its power," he stressed.

De la Llanza said that even before joining politics, he had already been extending assistance to the mentally ill roaming the city. "I don't know for certain when I started to love and care for them, but I did," he quipped.

Before the facility for the mentally ill was built, De la Llanza said he would send the patients he rescued from the streets to the Pototan Mental Hospital (now Regional Mental Health Center) at his own expense.

"When I joined politics, caring for them was my priority, and I never asked for any support from the local government unit. It was only in 1995 when then Mayor Rodolfo Ganzon extended P200,000 in financial support after he saw the beauty and success of my undertaking," De la Llanza recalled.



PERSONNEL of the BFAR's National Fisheries Research and Development Center Institute (NFRDI) conduct tests in the waters of Anda, Pangasinan.
RAY ZAMBRANO/INQUIRER NORTHERN LUZON

Fishermen start learning culture of sea cucumbers

By Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes
Inquirer Northern Luzon

BOLINAO, PANGASINAN—A group of fishermen here is learning how to culture sea cucumbers the hard way.

Sea cucumbers are prized locally and abroad for their nutritional, medical and commercial uses.

The supply of sea cucumbers in the country is on the wane because of over exploitation, and fishery authorities are finding ways to manage this critical fishery resource, one of which is training fishermen on how to culture them.

The National Fisheries Research and Development Institute (NFRDI) conducted a two-day workshop on sea cucumber management this month at the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources research center.

But as early as 2004, a group of marginal fishermen had established an experimental sea cucumber grow-out culture in waters off Barangay Victory in Santiago Island.

Artemio Caasi, president of the Samahang Malilit ng Mangangisda ng Victory, said experts from the University of the Philippines Marine Science Institute, which maintains a laboratory in the town, asked if there were still sea cucumbers (locally known as "kordido") in the area.

The fishermen said yes. An emergency meeting was held. And they built four sea cucumber pens, Caasi said.

The UPMSI donated materials for the pens like net and bamboos and the fishermen constructed the pens located some 400 meters away from the shoreline which, even at lowest tide, is still under water.

In July 2004, the UPMSI staff and the fishermen stocked the pens with 36 pieces of juvenile cucumber (*Holothuria scabra*). A month later, they evaluated the stocks and found

out that about 70 percent survived.

"We were told that it was at the Victory which had the highest survival rate compared to other experimental sites (of the UPMSI)," Caasi said.

The UPMSI then requested that some of the stocks be brought to the UPMSI hatchery and to the institute's other experimental areas.

In January 2005, the UPMSI gave another stock of juvenile sea cucumbers to the fishermen. But there were no survivors as that time the tide was low and migratory birds came to devour the sea cucumbers.

Or so they thought. In September that year, they found several sea cucumbers in the area, each weighing 500-600 grams.

"We were surprised at the size and of course, we were happy," Caasi said. But their happiness was short-lived. They soon lost the few remnants to poachers.

In the first months of 2006, there were plenty of sea cucumbers found again near the experimental area, Caasi said. These were put in the pens, but after six months, the fishermen were worried because the sea cucumbers' growth was stunted.

They learned from Dr. Marie Antonette Meñez, an expert on sea cucumber culture from the UPMSI, and two Australian scientists who came for a visit, that in every square meter, only one sea cucumber weighing 300 grams (or more sea cucumbers but their total weight should not exceed 300 grams) can thrive. The food in the area is enough only for that weight.

"We learned that because the pens were crowded, there was no more food for the sea cucumbers. They have eaten even their manure," Caasi said.

In March this year, the UPMSI staff and the fishermen again stocked the pens with 200 sea cucumbers, the biggest of which weighed 10 grams.

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JPE to Senate: Only court can decide on Trillanes case

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Trillanes that any Senate resolution for Trillanes' temporary freedom could not have much effect on the court's decision.

"We can [pass a resolution], but that is only in the nature of a request. It does not make a decision. The decision to grant or not to grant that request of the Senate will still be addressed to the court, and no one else," he said.

"Of course, the courts are supposed to respect the request of a coordinate body, but we are dealing with the separation of powers. When the court says no, there is nothing you can do about it."

Another incoming senator, former colonel and coup leader Gregorio Honasan, was also charged with coup d'etat before the Makati RTC before the Oakwood mutiny. But unlike Trillanes, he was granted bail.

By virtue of his votes

Six senators and two outgoing senators are backing a proposal to file a new bail petition for Trillanes "by virtue of his 11 million votes."

They are Senators Rodolfo Biazon, Manuel Roxas II, Francis Pangilinan, Panfilo Lacson and Aquilino "Nene" Pimentel Jr. and Senator-elect Benigno Aquino III. Outgoing Senators Franklin Drilon and Alfredo Lim are also supporting the bail proposal on the grounds that Trillanes is not a flight risk.

But Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago, a staunch ally of President Macapagal-Arroyo, argued on Wednesday that Trillanes should not be given any special treatment.

She likened his case to that of convicted rapist and former Congressman Romeo Jalosjos, who was not allowed to attend House sessions even after he was re-elected representative of Zamboanga del Norte while serving two life terms.

Earlier, Trillanes' lawyer Reynaldo Robles said his client did not intend to get out of military detention and leave his fellow rebel officers behind.

"He just wants an arrangement to work here [in the Senate]," Robles had said.

Biazon, a former chief of staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, had suggested that the Makati RTC grant Trillanes bail or

issue a special ruling allowing him to attend Senate sessions while in military custody.

A third option, Biazon suggested, was for Trillanes to be placed under Senate custody.

Pangilinan went so far as to suggest that the Senate itself file the petition for bail.

Jalosjos precedent

Santiago reminded her fellow senators of a Supreme Court ruling in 2000 denying Jalosjos' petition to be allowed to attend sessions of the House of Representatives.

The high court said Jalosjos had to stay in jail even after he won in the election.

At the time Jalosjos was elected, he was doing time for raping a minor, but he had a pending appeal in the high court.

Malacañang recently commuted his sentence to 16 years, which would allow him to walk free in three years.

"Just because a detention prisoner has won as senator does not mean that he should be free to attend Senate sessions, because that would be a violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution," Santiago said.

She added: "All persons charged with nonbailable offenses, such as the crime of coup d'etat, have to remain in jail. Election as senator does not entitle a detention prisoner to special treatment. Otherwise, the result is what the law calls an invidious discrimination."

Santiago also pointed out that as in Jalosjos' case, those who voted for Trillanes were aware that he was in detention.

Resolve cases first

Representatives Mauricio Domogan of Baguio City and Douglas Cagas of Davao del Sur, both allied with the administration, echoed Santiago's remarks, saying moving Trillanes out of military detention would be tantamount to special treatment.

In a joint statement, Cagas and Domogan said the more pressing issue was the resolution of the cases against Trillanes.

"We believe it's about time the court ruled on his case," Cagas said, noting that it had been "four years since the Oakwood mutiny was perpetrated."

Said Domogan: "[Trillanes'] election victory does not accord him special treatment."

Otherwise, every notorious personality can just get public sympathy by fighting the government and running for public office as a way of evading legal troubles."

On Wednesday, AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Hermogenes Esperon asked Makati Judge Oscar Pimentel to determine where Trillanes should be detained.

"Considering his change of status from a military officer to a civilian, the question has arisen whether the senator-elect continues to be subject to confinement in a military detention facility," Esperon said. *With a report from Christian V. Esguerra*



GMA AND THE GOV: President Arroyo checks out the scale model of the Banaoang pump irrigation project in Vigan, Ilocos Sur. Gov. Chavit Singson plays host. (Related story on Page A2)

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111 Bonna	06-4183	7/13/2006	can
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113 Progress Gold	06-12014	6/10/2006	can
114 Progress Gold	06-12015	6/10/2006	can
115 Progress Gold	06-12016	6/10/2006	can
116 Progress Gold	06-12017	6/11/2006	can
117 Progress Gold	06-12018	6/11/2006	can
118 Progress Gold	06-12019	6/11/2006	can
119 Progress Gold	06-12020	6/12/2006	can
120 Progress Gold	06-12021	6/13/2006	can
121 Progress Gold	06-12022	7/16/2006	can
122 Progress Gold	06-12023	7/17/2006	can
123 Progress Gold	06-12024	7/17/2006	can
124 Progress Gold	06-12026	7/18/2006	can
125 Progress Gold	06-12027	7/19/2006	can
126 Progress Gold	06-12028	7/19/2006	can
127 Progress Gold	06-12029	7/19/2006	can
128 Progress Gold	06-12030	7/19/2006	can
129 Progress Gold	06-12032	7/21/2006	can
130 Promil	06-8020	7/25/2006	can
131 Promil	06-8021	7/26/2006	can
132 Promil	06-8023	7/26/2006	can
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141 Promil Gold	06-2022	7/19/2006	can
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143 Promil Kid	06-13034	3/8/2006	can
144 Promil Kid	06-13087	6/14/2006	can
145 Promil Kid	06-13088	6/14/2006	can
146 Promil Kid	06-13089	6/15/2006	can
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152 Promil Kid	06-13094	6/17/2006	can
153 Promil Kid	06-13095	6/17/2006	can
154 Promil Kid	06-13096	6/18/2006	can
155 Promil Kid	06-13097	6/18/2006	can
156 Promil Kid	06-13099	7/1/2006	sachet
157 Promil Kid	06-13102	7/2/2006	sachet
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163 Promil Kid	06-13111	7/6/2006	can
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165 Promil Kid	06-13113	7/7/2006	can
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No smoking in Senate ...

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SERBISYONG MARANGAL AT MAHUSAY SA BAYAN TUNGO SA EKONOMIYANG ANGAT AT MATATAG

Messages

Warmest felicitations to the Department of Public Works and Highways as you celebrate your 109th Anniversary.

Our nation is poised for growth, and we cannot grow without modern infrastructure. It is for this reason that with our P1.126 trillion budget for 2007, we are now embarking on massive infrastructure development. This means more roads, bridges, and other facilities that will spur and distribute economic growth all over the land.

These investments will create not only jobs for thousands of Filipinos involved in the public works sector itself, but will also bring livelihood opportunities to communities that have been isolated from the centers of growth.

On your 109th anniversary, I ask you to remain focused in our efforts to achieve a 7- to 8- percent growth rate in the next three years. Our people and our country deserve no less than the best that we can do.

Mabuhay kayong lahat!

GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
President, Republic of the Philippines

MANILA
23 June 2007

I am delighted to congratulate the officers and staff of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) as you celebrate the 109th Anniversary of DPWH on June 23, 2007.

The success of DPWH in its mandate to undertake the planning, designing, construction and maintenance of the country's infrastructure projects, such as our national highways, flood control and water resource development system and other public works, is essential in the attainment of our national development objectives. The programs being implemented by DPWH are certainly of great importance, and these deserve full support from all road stakeholders - government, private sector and NGOs. I strongly believe that through joint effort in undertaking the review, analysis, monitoring, and advocacy of reforms in the road sector, we will succeed in this venture toward attaining an improved national road management, with the end in view of achieving greater road-user satisfaction.

I laud the Department for its efforts to form an effective partnership among all stakeholders in the national road sector to promote transparency and allow the public to access information, enabling them to monitor DPWH's performance in delivering national road services.

I hope that the celebration will serve as a springboard for more infrastructure programs that would interconnect our archipelago, thereby opening up new economic opportunities for our country. I am confident that the mission-vision of DPWH will be met in this celebration and beyond.

MABUHAY!

NOLI "KABAN" L. DE CASTRO
Vice President

Manila, 15 June 2007

Warmest felicitations and congratulations to the men and women of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) as you celebrate the 109th Anniversary of one of the first and foremost pillar government agencies in the country.

The history of the DPWH nearly stretches back as far as the history of Philippine government itself. More than a century past, public works projects are still as important in linking and connecting the more than one hundred cities and the more than one thousand municipalities of the country in order to improve the access to travel and communications of Filipinos scattered in the more than 7,000 islands of our archipelago.

At hand, we can see the dreams of our generation for better roads and highways steadily coming into reality. However, the challenge becomes more immense, with the increasing number of our countrymen demanding better transportation and faster mobility within towns and cities as well as across provinces and regions which will lead the road to comfortably traversing the islands of Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.

As such, the Senate leadership is truly committed, within its legislative mandate, to support public works and highway policies that would ensure the continuity and stability of infrastructure projects throughout the country. Together, through "sipag at tiyaga", let us relentlessly work and pave the way for the development of roads and highways which will truly address the utmost concern and serve the best interest of the Filipino people.

More power to the Department of Public Works and Highways!

MANUEL B. VILLAR, JR.
Senate President

Congratulations to the men and women of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) on the 109th Anniversary of your agency on June 23, 2007.

On this milestone, we in the House of Representatives express our appreciation for the role DPWH has played in transforming the nation by increasing the mobility of people, goods and services across the length and breadth of our archipelago - through the roads, bridges, edifices and other projects you have built across more than a century.

As of the first agencies to be established by the American colonial administration before the end of the 19th century, the DPWH is necessary in building a strong foundation for the economic prosperity and stability of our country.

I urge you to carry out your duties with utmost concern for the advancement of the great majority of our countrymen out of poverty and cynicism. Only by putting the welfare of our fellow Filipinos and the honor of country ahead of personal gain can we say that we have done our best to fulfill our roles in public service.

My colleagues and I support your every effort to serve the people giving them greater quality and value in public infrastructure.

Mabuhay!

JOSE C. DE VERA, JR.
Speaker of the House

My warmest congratulations to all our co-workers in the Department as we celebrate our 109th anniversary on June 23, 2007.

In celebrating our 109th anniversary, let us continue our commitment in accomplishing our mission and achieving our vision of providing quality infrastructure for the welfare of the Filipino people.

Our theme, "Serbisyon Marangal at Mahusay sa Bayan, Tungo sa Ekonomiyang Angat at Matatag", speaks of our commitment - as a team - in doing our common task in nation building. Our anniversary theme denotes our huge responsibility which cannot be possibly accomplished without the participation of everybody. Let us then work as a team and together we form - the "TEAM DPWH".

Each employee's valuable contribution is the total accomplishment of the Department. Whatever you do, whether you are in the office or on the ground, reflects the Department's performance. Waver not in upholding the culture of "Trabaho ko, Damsal Ko!" We should always take pride in our respective jobs as we take pride in working in the DPWH.

Let's continue, therefore without falter, what our forebears had started 109 years ago.

Congratulations to all of you! Mabuhay tayong lahat!

MANUEL M. BONOAN
Officer-in-Charge, DPWH

DPWH: Linchpin of national progress

The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) celebrates tomorrow (June 23) its 109th anniversary with solid achievements as the engineering arm of the national government.

As such, it serves as the linchpin of major infrastructure projects, many of them hailed as world-class engineering achievements, which continue to open up and propel both urban and rural areas all over the country to economic progress.

The DPWH is not only concerned with the design, implementation and upkeep of national roads, bridges, flood control systems, it is deeply involved in the construction of school buildings for the Department of Education to alleviate the perennial problems of classroom backlog and shortage and farm-to-market roads for the Departments of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform to enable farmers to economically transport their products to the market.

Acting DPWH Secretary Manuel M. Bonoan, a civil engineer who has spent 40 years of his entire professional career in the agency, admits, as a result of these projects and activities, the DPWH generates millions of jobs for Filipinos nationwide - its way of helping solve unemployment and contributing to national progress.

President's infra program

The DPWH is in the midst of prioritizing the infrastructure development program of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo as laid down under the Medium-Term Development Plan up to 2010.

Specifically, the department is tasked to support six of the Ten-Point Agenda, namely:

- Decentralize development to other regions by developing a reliable transportation network. The DPWH is to provide an efficient and effective highway network for the country.
- Decongest Metro Manila, involving the development of expressways and highways leading to the North and South corridors outside Metro Manila.
- Develop Clark and Subic by providing effective road network and flood control infrastructure.
- Provide potable water to waterless communities.
- Construct new buildings.
- Create at least six million jobs in six years.

Bonoan says these infrastructure development efforts are being focused in the five "super regions" in the Philippines identified by President Arroyo in her July 2006 State of the Nation Address, grouping selected regions and provinces by their economic strengths and potentials.

The "super-region" concept subdivides the 16 regions in the country into clusters - without superseding current political boundaries - to harness each area's natural competitive advantage.

The five super regions and their individual development themes are:

- Northern Luzon Agribusiness Quadrangle - agribusiness.
- Luzon Urban Beltway - globally competitive industrial and service center.
- Central Philippines - tourism.
- Mindanao - agribusiness.
- Cyberservices Corridor - the common link across the four super regions to bolster information technology and knowledge economy.

The Philippine government, through the Department of Public Works and Highways and other agencies, has earmarked tens of billions of pesos for the infrastructure projects identified to be built in each region.

Road projects

A total of P96.7 billion has been earmarked for 20 priority road projects to fast-track growth not only in the super regions but also throughout the country.

The 20 high-priority road projects consisting of nine new road networks and 11 rehabilitation and expansion works are targeted for completion by 2010 - to further boost economic development.

The road projects will be funded by national appropriation (11 projects),



President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo unveils the marker of the Gil Fernando Bridge in Tumana, Marikina City. She is assisted by DPWH Secretary Manuel M. Bonoan (left), MMDA Chairman Bayani Fernando (second from left) and Marikina Mayor Marides C. Fernando (right).

government-owned and controlled corporations (four), official development assistance (three), build-operate-transfer (five) and other private sector-led initiatives (four).

Bonoan says Congress has approved a 2007 budget of P71.22 billion for the DPWH, P62.66 billion of which is intended for building new infrastructure and maintaining and improving existing ones. The department is expected to get a share of about 87.5 percent of collections from the Motor Vehicles' Users Charge amounting to P7 billion this year.

He adds that the DPWH has prioritized infrastructure development projects that are strategic and critical to stimulating trade and investments. Through the road projects, it hopes to open gateways to regional centers and major tourism destinations, decongest the metropolis, and assist poor and conflict-affected areas.

One of the projects is the ongoing linkage of Luzon roll-on/roll-off (RoRo) to interisland ports located in Mindoro, Panay, Guimaras, Negros and Mindanao, known as the Nautical Highway System, which involves 2,117 kilometers and an investment of P9.258 billion from 2007 to 2010.

Some P21 billion is needed for the same period to decongest Metro Manila and spread out development and growth opportunities. This entails widening of the MacArthur Highway up to Tarlac and Urdaneta, completion of the NAIA Expressway, widening of Commonwealth Avenue, R-10, Marcos Highway and Quirino Highway in Quezon City and the extension of Daang Hari in Cavite.

Widening the MacArthur Highway supports the development of Subic and Clark and decongest Metro Manila, while construction of road networks in Mindanao will help the attainment of peace and development in the region.

Employment

The DPWH has generated jobs for a total of 75,288 persons from July 2006 to June 2007. These were employed in the following projects: Roadside maintenance of national roads and bridges, 24,144; farm-to-market roads, 3,333; flood mitigation projects, 25,000; water supply projects, 8,333; and school building projects, 12,478.

As the Department of Public Works and Highways marks another milestone, it looks forward to maximizing its role as the infrastructure arm of the national government.

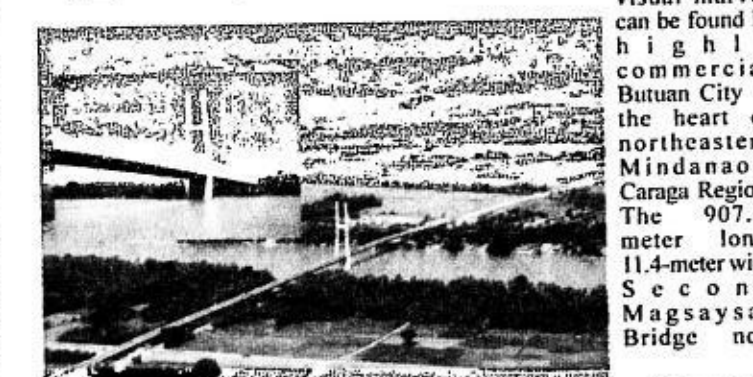
A builder of world class infrastructure

Roads, bridges and other infrastructure help lay the foundations of a country's economic growth. In the Philippines, their role has been pivotal to realizing President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's Ten-Point Agenda for winning the war against poverty.

Below are a handful of projects among many the engineering showcases accomplished by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) in the Arroyo administration. These impressive infrastructure represent the blending of modern technology from here and abroad with the ingenuity and skills of Filipino engineers and construction workers.

Second Magsaysay Bridge and By Pass Road Project

Completed in early-2007 at a cost of P2.16 billion, this engineering and visual marvel can be found in highly commercial Butuan City in the heart of northeastern Mindanao's Caraga Region.



A sight to behold is the Second Magsaysay Bridge in Butuan City, one of the major DPWH bridge projects in Mindanao.

links two important highways that cross into the city. It is the product of "earthquake proof" Japanese technology, adapting a steel cable stayed suspension system and boring its main pile foundation to the bedrock of the Agusan River below.

The Second Magsaysay Bridge's greater capacity enabled the complete rehabilitation and strengthening of the older Magsaysay Bridge, which is also a major thoroughfare in Butuan City. In terms of its design, the Second Magsaysay Bridge is the first of its kind in Mindanao and only the second in the Philippines, the other one being the Second Mandaue-Mactan steel cable stayed bridge in Cebu City.

The Second Magsaysay Bridge now also links the Philippine-Japan Friendship Highway (Surigao-Agusan-Davao Road) and the Butuan City-Cagayan de Oro-Iligan Road crossing.

The bridge project was contracted to Nippon Steel and TOA with consultancy services provided by Katahira & Engineers International in a joint venture with Filipino consultants DCCD Engineering Corporation, PROCONSULT Inc. and TCGI Engineers.

The Second Magsaysay Bridge now also serves as a tourist attraction in Mindanao because of its contemporary design. Completed in less than three years, the bridge can be likened to the New Jssell Bridge of Kampden, Denmark and Pont du Normandie of France which was once the longest bridge in the world. Butuanons are thankful for this project and proud because once again, the city known as the site of the first Mass in the Philippines will make its mark in history.

NAIA Expressway and its Related Roads Project (Phase 1)

One of the key projects aimed at decongesting Metro Manila, the first phase of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Expressway and its related roads will ease traffic coming in and out of the expanded air hub. The NAIA Expressway Project will connect the new NAIA Terminal 3 and the Centennial Terminal 2 to the Metro Manila Skyway, the South Luzon Expressway (SLEX) and Fort Bonifacio to the east and Roxas Boulevard via MIA Road to the west through a high speed, elevated toll road.

The NAIA Expressway-Metro Skyway link means speedier access to the Makati and Alabang business centers, while the Roxas Boulevard link would benefit airport users coming from Pasay and Cavite. Furthermore it will connect NAIA Terminals 1 and 3 to provide comfort to transiting airline passengers.

The DPWH utilized technologies that are used by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) during construction of the NAIA Expressway, which will be completed in 2008.

Diosdado Macapagal Bridge and Access Road

Daily traffic between Quezon City and the cities of Marikina and Antipolo had slowed the arrival of business and investment opportunities in the eastern suburb of Metro Manila. Caused by ever-increasing motorists due to the fast-paced development of suburban housing subdivisions, the situation called for the construction of a new bridge to facilitate the movement of traffic.

Thus a new bridge named after the late President Diosdado Macapagal was inaugurated by his daughter, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, and DPWH OIC-Secretary Manuel Bonoan and several city mayors last May 3.

Motorists are now enjoying easier traffic flow following the completion of the World Bank-assisted, P1.178-billion project. The two-way, four-lane bridge connects Libis with Marcos Highway across the Marikina River. The project utilized geo-textile materials proven effective against the occurrence of earthquake-induced pavement cracks.

Cebu South Coastal Road project, due for completion in 2009, is funded by JBIC.

Metro Cebu, an urban center composed of four cities and six municipalities on the island, has experienced a dramatic rise in its population, aggravating transport traffic-related problems that are also affecting economic activities up to the outlying towns. For this reason, the Metro Cebu Development Project (MCDP) was planned and construction began in 1997. The most recent phase, MCDP III, includes the Cebu South Coastal Road project and the Cebu South Reclamation Project due for completion in June 2009. Reclaimed land will provide additional areas for expanding Cebu's export processing zone, which employs residents in Cebu City, Talisay City and other municipalities in southern Cebu. The P5.85-billion MCDP III is funded by JBIC.

6 EU experts to probe mass graves in Leyte

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nection with the decades-old purge of suspected military spies in the Communist Party of the Philippines, whose purported remains were found by the military in mass graves in the town of Inopacan in Leyte.

But the Eastern Visayas chapter of the National Democratic Front, the political arm of the CPP, said the graves were "a hoax which the 8th [Infantry Division] had a hand in making up."

Ocampo was arrested and detained on multiple murder charges in March; the Supreme Court allowed him to post bail in April. The main petition seeking to quash the case filed in the lower court is still pending.

Welcome, but...

The human rights group Karapatan yesterday suggested that the EU team also meet with the families of the victims of political killings.

Karapatan secretary general Marie Hilao-Enriquez told the INQUIRER that the assistance of the EU experts was "much welcome."

"But for it to be meaningful, they should look at the plight of the victims. They should hear them out," she said.

Enriquez said that while the European Union was providing all sorts of technical assistance to the Philippine government, it should also look into the latter's purported policy on the killing and "enforced disappearance" of leftist activists.

"The government does not lack technical expertise in investigation. For all we know, this is being messed up," he said, adding:

"Instead of helping the government alone, the EU should also help the victims. We've not gotten a single cent from the government."

Karapatan records show that as of May 31, there have been 863 "extrajudicial" killings since 2001, when Ms Arroyo came to power.

The list of those killed does not include Mario Auxillo, head of the Bohol chapter of Bayan Muna, who was slain in Tagbilaran City on June 17.

Of the victims, around half were farmers, Karapatan said. The regions where at least 100 had been killed were Bicol, Central Luzon and Southern Tagalog.

Both the military and Malacañang



EU PROBE TEAM BOOSTERS: The Bagong Alyansang Makabayan rallies in front of the RCBC Plaza where the European Union team is holding its sessions during its 10-day fact-finding mission here. The Palace says the six-man EU team will help determine if mass graves unearthed in Samar and elsewhere really contained the remains of purge victims of the police, military or the communists.

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have denied involvement, saying Oplan Laya I and II—the Armed Forces of the Philippines' counterinsurgency plans—had not institutionalized a policy on the killing of leftist activists.

Stints in Kosovo, etc.

Malacañang hosted cocktails on Monday for the experts from the United Kingdom, Finland and Sweden. The reception included a briefing by Cecilia "Coco" Quisumbing of the Presidential Human Rights Committee.

Ermita said he had a chance to talk with three of them during the reception. "And I can see that they are experts, especially in forensics and crime scene investigation. They have experience in such places as Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Thailand and even Kosovo," he said.

Ermita said the invitations to the experts were coursed through their respective embassies. "We would like them to see for themselves how and what kind of assistance they can give to our investigating agencies, to our prosecuting agencies and even to the courts because of their experience," he said.

One issue is the military's discovery of the mass graves, Ermita said.

"In our conversation, they said they might be able to help in determining, first, the kind of skeletal remains that have been discovered. [They will] try to see whether there is truth to the allegation that indeed these are subjects of foul play by any group—whether the military, the police, or the NPA (New People's Army, the armed wing of the CPP) itself," he said.

'Wherewithals'

Ermita said that apart from the technical assistance, the President welcomed such missions because they could lead to increased funding in prosecution and investigation.

"We hope to get some pledges from them. There are wherewithals that we lack. For example, it can't be denied that funding is always a problem with us because we are a third-class economy, a Third World country," Ermita said.

"We may not have enough for the prosecution of human rights violators. And, of course, they will help us strengthen our techniques of investigation," he said.

Malacañang has repeatedly said that the government needed training and equipment for DNA testing, an integral part of criminal investigation.

On Wednesday, the EU experts met with officials of the Department of Justice to discuss the Witness Protection Program (WPP).

"They have been informed by the ambassadors here that one of the problems in our prosecution of suspects in the unexplained killings is the hesitation of witnesses to come out," said Ermita.

"And, therefore, there is a need to enhance the WPP."

Yesterday, they were scheduled to meet with members of the judiciary, "with the end in view of strengthening the prosecution of cases," he said.

How to stop killings

Said Romeo Capulong, legal counsel of the families of victims from Bayan Muna and other progressive groups: "Any form of assistance that will improve the legal system is most welcome. But that will not address the immediate problem."

Capulong said the assistance should include "how to stop the unabated executions and abductions."

"What should be done now is to extend all forms of assistance to organizations in the Philippines and abroad who are documenting these human rights violations and gathering evidence. Because under the Arroyo administration, it's a mere illusion that the perpetrators will be brought to justice," Capulong said.

He said the EU team should establish a mechanism that would protect witnesses to the human rights violations from "reprisals."

Human Security Act

The European Union has called on the Philippine government to introduce concrete measures to prevent human rights abuse, especially with the implementation next month of the Human Security Act (HSA) of 2007, or the antiterror law.

In a resolution adopted by the European Parliament in Strasbourg on April 26, the European Union said the enactment of the HSA was "liable to further increase the incidence of human rights violations by the security forces because it will allow arrests without warrant and arbitrary detention for up to three days."

The EU resolution highlighted both the findings of the Malacañang-created Melo Commission and the results of the investigation by UN Special Rapporteur Philip Alston, which cited the possible involvement of the military in the political killings. *With a report from Inquirer Research*

Michigan removes foreign nurses' test

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The CGFNS is a nonprofit international recognized leader in the education, registration and licensure of health care professionals worldwide. It offers a certification program and qualifying exam, which most US State Boards of Nursing require for nurses to be eligible to apply for licensure within that state.

The Department of Foreign Affairs, quoting a report from Consul General Blesila Cabrera in Chicago, said the new law allows foreign nurses and nursing graduates to just pass the National Council Licensing Exam (NCLEX) qualifying examinations.

Some 9,000 Filipinos desiring to work in the United States take the NCLEX examinations annually.

Cabrera said the new law was "welcome news" to thousands of Filipino nurses and was a result of efforts of the Philippines Nurses Association of Michigan.

"The success of the PNAM in having the bill signed into law indicates the growing empowerment of Filipino-Americans in the American Midwest, especially on issues affecting the interests of the Filipino-American community," she said.

House Bill No. 4207 was signed into law by Gov. Jennifer Granholm on June 14 at the Governor's State Office in the State Capitol in Lansing, Michigan.

The signing ceremony was witnessed by PNAM president Ellen Dioso, PNAM CGFNS Task Force chair Remedios Solarte and Rep. Y. Hoon Hopgood, who introduced the measure in the Michigan State House of Representatives.

Last year, the CGFNS caused worries after it said that Filipinos who passed the fraud-marred June 2006 nursing exams in the Philippines had to retake the tests to become eligible for a VisaScreen Certificate, the federally approved screening program for foreign health workers.

CGFNS administers VisaScreen, which includes an educational review, a licensure review, English language skills assessment and passage of one of two approved examinations for registered nurses—the CGFNS International Qualifying Exam or the NCLEX for registered nurses.

True grit, shattered dreams, warnings for the future

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the morning to make fresh sandwiches," Sirivat says, recalling his first morning as a high flyer-turned-street vendor. "I felt depressed and disheartened. I kept asking myself, 'Why did this have to happen to me?'"

Thousands of blindsided Asians, like Thailand's "Sandwich Man," asked themselves the same question 10 years ago as an era of frenetic speculation, property bubbles and hot money inflows ended with plummeting stocks, enfeebled currencies and bankruptcies of both individual risk-takers and once mighty corporations.

The collapse started with a plunge of the Thai baht on July 2, 1997, and spread rapidly across much of the continent. The three hardest-hit nations—Thailand, Indonesia and South Korea—ended up requiring multi-billion-dollar bailouts from the International Monetary Fund.

Ten years later, the region has recovered—but to varying degrees.

Painful but healthy

In South Korea, which bounced back quickly, the outlook is optimistic. The crisis brought pain, but also healthy changes that cleared the decks for more prosperous growth and innovation.

In Thailand and Indonesia, which were slower to recover and enact reforms, expectations have been vastly scaled back and a lingering fear hangs over the business climate. Some feel that their economies are losing out to growing competition from China and Vietnam.

"People don't want to innovate or take business risks. Not even 10 years after," says Prachai Leopairatana, founder of what was once Southeast Asia's largest petrochemical enterprise—until it became Thailand's largest debt defaulter almost overnight.

"A lot of people just want to be employees because of what happened to people like me in 1997. So Thailand is losing its competitiveness."

The following profiles of four businessmen—two Thai, one Indonesian and one South Korean—offer a window into how

these nations have fared in the ensuing decade since the crisis. They are stories of hope and depression, grit and determination—and ultimately of survival through tumultuous economic times.

Indon maker of jeans

With a loan from his father, Indonesian businessman Jusak Sulaiman started making jeans while still in college, starting out with just 15 sewing machines.

The business flourished, and by 1997, it had 1,600 workers at two factories churning out 1.6 million pairs for domestic sale and export.

Sulaiman's company had just taken out a loan for US\$750,000—when the crisis hit.

The 12-percent interest rate on the adjustable-rate loan jumped to 30 percent as the Indonesian government raised interest rates to stem the rupiah's decline. But fall it did, and the cost of spare parts, many of which were imported, more than doubled in local currency terms. Electricity prices went through the roof. Desperate workers demanded pay raises and threatened walkouts.

Eventually, Sulaiman gave up and shuttered the larger of his two factories, laying off most of the workers.

"It made me very sad," says Sulaiman, now 51, in Bandung, 120 kilometers east of Jakarta. "Many of my workers begged me to reopen the other factory, some even cried. But it was too late. There was nothing I could do."

Rebuilding

With the same grit, flexibility and sheer hard work that had earlier propelled Asia, Sulaiman has rebuilt his business, but only back to where it stood in 1990.

Today, his jeans factory, PT Triyudha Busanamas, employs about 150 workers—one-tenth of its peak—operating 60 sewing machines. Still, he and his two sons want to expand and hope to start exporting their Jimmy & Martin brand to Europe next year.

Sulaiman faces a changed global landscape with fierce competition from China, Vietnam

and, more recently, Bangladesh.

At home, former dictator Suharto is gone, ousted in the turmoil and riots spawned by the crisis that caused millions to lose their jobs and the economy to contract 13 percent in 1998.

The economy has made modest progress but remains hobbled by corruption and poor infrastructure. Foreign investors have been scared off by legal uncertainties and bureaucratic red tape.

Still, Sulaiman considers himself lucky. "It's been stressful, but I've survived," he says. "God is still with me. Many others had much bigger problems. At least I don't have to run and hide for failing on my debts."

\$2.7-B default

Many did default, including Prachai, the founder of Thai Petrochemical Industry, to the tune of US\$2.7 billion.

Before the crisis, TPI borrowed heavily from local and foreign creditors to increase its capacity and develop a fully integrated petrochemical and refinery complex. Prachai was the first in Thailand to introduce this technology and invest the vast sums needed to build these modern integrated facilities.

When the crisis hit, his complex was unfinished and its foreign currency-denominated debt ballooned overnight. Prachai had banked on long-term repayment of his gargantuan investment.

"It was the worst time of my life. I had always had the support of people around me so I never knew what it felt like to have everyone turn their backs on me. The creditors treated you like a dog," Prachai recalls.

Lenders, however, had their own grounds for complaints. When TPI went into rehabilitation under a new bankruptcy court, Prachai was named administrator of the debt restructuring plan. But creditors came to believe that he could not be trusted to meet his obligations to them.

For nine years, Prachai waged a battle against creditors to maintain managerial control over TPI, mixing litigation with delays on debt repayments, labor strikes and nationalistic advertising to

try to tip the balance in his favor.

Soon after the crisis, the Thai government updated archaic bankruptcy laws, but it can still take years for creditors to pursue their claims. The government has yet to push through further bankruptcy law reforms, partly due to the sensitivities to powerful families who lost so much during the crisis.

Heroic figure

To many debtors who blamed government incompetence and corruption for the crisis, Prachai became a heroic figure symbolizing victims caught in circumstances beyond their control. His saga came to an end when the bankruptcy court refused to delay any longer the government's plan to rehabilitate the debt-laden conglomerate by handing it to a group of investors.

Prachai's fall turned into a drawn-out saga that set him back irreparably. For his country as a whole, he says, it was a lost decade—in terms of creativity, competitive edge and education of the work force—in which Thailand began to fall behind regional competitors like Vietnam and China.

Today, Prachai, 62, has lost some wealth and influence, but he is not poor. He keeps busy as a director of cement maker TPI Polene, a former unit of TPI. Still, he feels the pain acutely.

"The 10 years that I lost were the most valuable time of my life," he says. "It was a lost opportunity that I could have used to innovate more."

Conservative Korean

Ko Jong-wan, a soft-spoken, self-described "very normal, conservative Korean" was among an army of salaried Asians fired or otherwise edged out of the corporate world. But the crisis turned out to be an opportunity to do something he had always craved: take charge of his own life.

Of the three countries, South Korea has fared the best since 1997. While the shake-up of some of its largest industrial groups, the "chaebol," has been wrenching, the economy appears better off for it. Companies have become leaner and more creative, making them stronger

global competitors.

Ko has left the cocoon of the Korean company, which like its Japanese counterparts once took care of employees for life, and, as that cocoon unraveled, embarked on the uncertain path of the entrepreneur.

The son of a farmer, Ko had risen to head the personnel department of Korea Telecom, the country's biggest telephone company, when South Korea suffered what it called the "IMF crisis" for the US\$58-billion bailout arranged by the International Monetary Fund.

The emergency loans helped shore up the nation's banks and indebted companies, but they came at a price: South Korea was required to raise interest rates, cut public spending and other measures that now appear to have worsened the crisis.

The sudden implosion forced companies, many of which had expanded recklessly on borrowed money, to slash bloated work forces and take other drastic measures.

"I was actually in charge of restructuring the company's employees during the time of the economic crisis, so I faced some complications," Ko recalls.

United for same purpose

Feeling like he was "running in a rat race," Ko saw this as an opportunity to break out of a stultifying corporate career.

His first move was a traumatic failure.

Taking a company buyout package and adding more funds of his own, he invested US\$500,000 in the stock market but lost everything in less than six months.

"I even thought about committing suicide when I didn't know what to do after losing everything I had," says the 50-year-old Ko, who is married with one daughter.

But as the Korean economy began to recover, Ko's fortunes turned.

Today, Ko owns Realty Expert Members Co., which offers advice on real estate to high-income earners, has authored a book on real estate investment, serves as a government adviser and teaches at Korea University.

He attributes his country's relatively quick recovery to some national characteristics.

"During the IMF, all Koreans united for the same purpose. They wanted to survive the crisis," he says. "I believe Koreans become stronger when they face crisis. We all survived foreign attacks and wars by bonding together."

Celebrity sandwich seller

Sirivat, the sandwich-seller, has left his days of stock and real estate speculation behind.

"I'm now investing in the real sector, which is more sustainable," the 57-year-old businessman says, noting that no matter what happens, people have to eat.

He even uses locally produced materials to avoid reliance on the vagaries of foreign markets.

The once wildly successful, US-educated stockbroker had moved into property just as a glut of space was coming onto the market. His first luxury condominium project flopped, leaving him with a US\$30.4-million debt at the time of the crash.

While others like him were jumping off buildings, Sirivat swallowed his pride and started selling sandwiches, becoming a national celebrity for his refusal to succumb to fate.

"A person who had a debt of 15 million baht said to me that he decided not to commit suicide because he saw my example," he said.

Free man again

As creditors sued, he continued to sell his homemade eats almost every day for five years, building up a business that now employs 14 and includes locally produced soft drinks, two coffee shops and a coffee and sandwich catering service.

"Sirivatsandwich" has become a well-known brand, with its logo of a floating balloon with a dollar sign and "IMF" inscribed, a reminder of the US\$17-billion loan Thailand got from the international lending agency during the crisis.

The "Sandwich Man" and his family live much more modestly than in the days when the economy sizzled, but Sirivat is happier this way: "I became a free man again," he says.

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Alleged shabu dens raided

Clients included studes in Intramuros, say school officials

By Tina G. Santos, Allison W. Lopez and Kristine L. Alave

MORE THAN A HUNDRED PERSONS were arrested by Manila policemen during a raid yesterday morning of suspected drug dens in historic Intramuros.

Outgoing Manila Mayor Lito Atienza praised the policemen for the raid, but added they should not stop with the arrests.

Members of the Manila Police District's Anti-Illegal Drugs (DAID) Unit and Special Weapons and Tactics swooped

down around 10:30 a.m. on a suspected shabu *tiangge* (market) in Barangay 654, Zone 69, Legazpi Street, Intramuros.

Chief Insp. Eliazar Mata, team leader, said the area, known as Banana Island, had been under police surveillance following

complaints that illegal drugs, particularly methamphetamine hydrochloride or shabu, were sold openly in the area. Complainants included school authorities, who said the majority of the buyers were students in nearby schools.

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POLICE round up suspected illegal drugs users in Intramuros. REM ZAMORA

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Rallies, parades banned on major Metro roads

By DJ Yap

THE METRO MANILA COUNCIL has banned all public rallies, processions, motorcades, parades and the like on major streets in the metropolis without a permit from the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority.

The council approved yesterday a resolution setting strict limits on all kinds of assemblies in the streets, including political congregations.

In adopting the policy, which is expected to draw protests from civil libertarians, the MMC said there was a need to "rationalize" the use of roadways to ensure the smooth flow of traffic.

The council, composed of Metro

Manila mayors, is headed by MMDA chair Bayani Fernando.

Covered by the ban are religious and funeral processions, marathons and "walkathons," festivals, and "public rallies or public congregations."

The resolution said such activities "aggravate the traffic congestion resulting in inconvenience on the part of the motorists and commuters."

Unanimously approved by Metro Manila mayors and their representatives, the resolution, takes effect 15 days after publication in two general circulation newspapers.

Present in yesterday's meeting were Metro mayors Vergel "Nene" Aguilar of Las Piñas, Sherwin Gatchalian of Valenzuela, Vincent

Eusebio of Pasig, and Feliciano Belmonte of Quezon City.

Belmonte, who arrived towards the end of the meeting and did not vote on the measure, said it was unlikely that people's rights to assembly would be curtailed.

"This was just intended to ease traffic. The MMDA only has the power to regulate traffic, and political rallies are already covered by national laws," he told the INQUIRER.

He said the power to approve or disapprove street demonstrations still belonged to local governments.

The resolution set speed limits for certain activities like funerals: 40 kilometers per hour on major roads and 25 kilometers per hour on secondary roads.

Alleged shabu dens raided

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The Eastern Police District (EPD) is verifying reports that the *tiangge* is part of the network of suspected drug lord Amin Imam Boratong, who is detained at the National Bureau of Investigation for allegedly operating a shabu market in Pasig City.

The alleged shabu *tiangge*, composed of some 70 shanties, was located near the back of Colegio de San Juan de Letran and Lyceum University.

"This area is considered a one-stop shop for shabu users," Mata said. Most of the shanties, he said, were used for pot sessions.

During the raid, police said they seized several sachets of shabu and drug paraphernalia.

SWAT operatives in full battle gear searched some 50 houses believed to be used by drug dealers.

Four of those arrested, identified only by their aliases, were main targets of the raid, police said.

DAID chief Supt. Roderick Mariano said barangay officials apparently knew of the drug operation. "Nagbubulag-bulagan lang sila, baka kumikita kasi," he said. Mariano added the police would conduct further investigation to identify the illegal operation's "protector." He said they were told the *tiangge* had been operating for five to six years now.

Mariano said the area was under surveillance and that they conducted test buys for at least two weeks.

A former barangay official, who requested anonymity, claimed they had long reported illegal activities in the area "but the police refused to act on them. Many policemen allegedly also serve as protectors of the shabu dens."

Police said those arrested could face charges for maintaining or visiting a drug den, drug

pushing and using the illegal substances.

"There should be no letdown in this campaign," said Atienza. This should not be done from time to time only."

The mayor held school officials responsible for being unaware of illegal activities that could have involved some of their students.

Chief Supt. Luizo Ticman, EPD director, said that they would join hands with Manila police at efforts to eradicate the drug menace, especially if they find out that the Intramuros *tiangge* was in any way associated with the Pasig shabu den.

Ticman said they received intelligence reports earlier that said Boratong had a distribution network in Manila.

In yesterday's hearing of the Boratong case, defense lawyers alleged that Samer Palao, the government's main witness, owned the shabu mart, not Boratong.

2 hurt in 12-vehicle collision on Shaw

By Kristine L. Alave

A 12-VEHICLE COLLISION ON Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City at noon yesterday injured two people, including a pregnant woman.

The incident resulted in a huge traffic jam for hours.

PO3 Bonifacio Tenorio of the Mandaluyong City police said the driver of the 10-wheeler container truck, with plate number NMU 668, lost control of his vehicle, triggering a pileup.

The driver was identified as Wilfredo Garcia, 34, of San Rafael, Bulacan.

Tenorio said the truck collided with a Nissan Sentra with plate number UAS 593 owned by Arsenio Ardales at the corner of Shaw and St. Francis Street.

"Nawalan ng preno yung container van at dahil sa bumper to bumper ang traffic tapos pababa pa sila ng flyover nagkaroon ng chain of collisions dun sa area," Tenorio said.

Police closed the east-bound lane of Shaw Blvd as a result of the collision.

One of the victims, who was

rushed to a hospital, sustained bruises. The pregnant woman was reportedly injured when she tried to jump from a car to avoid the crash.

Police said they were still trying to identify the victims.

As of yesterday afternoon, Tenorio said nine motorists involved in the collision had filed complaints in the Mandaluyong City police station.

The complainants included Gerry Astero, driver of a Nissan Sentra with plate number TXF 841 whose vehicle crashed into a flower box; Alexander Dimabayao, driver of a Kia Besta car with plate number UPT 763; and Alan Araneta, driver of a Mitsubishi Pajero with plate number RDH 935.

Of the four public utility vehicles involved in the incident, the police said complaints were filed by Redentor Operator, driver of a Hi-Lander van; and jeepney drivers Giffrey Toco and Rodel Lorenzana.

Garcia could face criminal charges, if the motorists and the victims choose to press charges, Tenorio said.

Underpass to QC Hall, Memorial Circle opens July 31

By Margaux C. Ortiz

THE PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS connecting the Quezon City Hall to the Quezon Memorial Circle is expected to be finished as scheduled on July 31.

City Engineer Joselito Cabungcal said the first phase of the project is nearing completion. The P87-million project had two phases: the first was the tunnel phase, and the second, the entrance and exit part.

Cabungcal said that though the underpass was not air-conditioned, high ceilings would allow plenty of cool air inside.

He added that elevators would be provided for the exclusive use of persons with disabilities.

"We have yet to decide on the actual hours of operation, but the underpass will definitely be closed to the public during the wee hours of the morning to prevent vagrants and criminals from loitering in the area," Cabungcal said.

In an earlier interview, Cabungcal said the redevelopment of the Memorial Circle would begin upon completion of work on the underpass.

Cabungcal said the circle might become narrower by 12 meters to allow a bigger jogging and biking lane. Parks inside the Circle would also be redesigned to make them more attractive to visitors.

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Bodies of 2 women found inside drum

MYSTERY shrouds the death of two women who were found inside a drum filled with cement near an abandoned shanty in Quiapo, Manila Wednesday night. SP04 Danny Viad, of the Manila Police District Homicide Division, said they found the bodies near an abandoned house in the area known as "Vietnam Village" in Quiapo around 10 p.m., following a tip from a concerned resident. The still unidentified victims bore several stab wounds in different parts of their bodies, he said, adding that the women were only clad in their underwear. Viad theorized that the deaths might have something to do with the drug trade, adding that the area is being closely monitored by the police because of various cases involving illegal substances. Vietnam Village has gained notoriety for transactions involving illegal drugs," police said.

'Patnubay' awardees

COMEDY King Dolphy (Rodolfo Quizon) leads the 12 awardees of the Patnubay ng Sining, Manila's version of the National Artist awards, which will be given tonight by outgoing Mayor Lito Atienza. The awards will be given at 6 p.m. at the Bulwagang Villegas, Manila City Hall, as part of the four-day celebration of the 436th Araw ng Maynila with the theme "Buhay na Maynila, Alay sa Bansa." The late Mayor Antonio Villegas initiated the awards program in 1963 to recognize outstanding Filipino artists. Awardees are Quizon (cinema/film), Carmelo Casas (architecture), Duddley Diaz (sculpture), Cesare Syjuco (new art forms), Fr. Manuel Maramba O.S.B. (music), Prof. Ricardo de Ungria (literature), Kallwat Theater Collective (theater/drama), Augustus "Bam" Damian III (dance), and Myra Beltran (Tangling Parangal). The Gatpuno Antonio Villegas award will go to Ambeth Ocampo, chair of the National Commission on Culture and Arts (NCCA) and INQUIRER columnist; while the Diwa Ng Lahi award will be given to Beltrán Limuaco Fabella. The awardees were chosen by a panel led by Atienza. They will receive medallions in cast bronze designed by National Artist Napoleon Abueva.

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Study: China tops US as No. 1 emitter of CO₂

BEIJING—CHINA HAS OVERTAKEN the United States as the world's top producer of carbon dioxide emissions—the biggest man-made contributor to global warming—based on the latest widely accepted energy consumption data, a Dutch research group says.

According to a report released Tuesday by the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency, China overtook the US in emissions of CO₂ by about 7.5 percent in 2006. While China was 2 percent below the United States in 2005, voracious coal consumption and increased cement production caused the numbers to rise rapidly, the group said.

"It's an expression of their fast industrial production activities and their fast development," Jos G.J. Olivier, the agency's senior

scientist who compiled the figures, said Wednesday. The agency is independent but paid by the Dutch government to advise it on environmental policy.

The study said China, which relies on coal for two-thirds of its energy needs and makes 44 percent of the world's cement, produced 6.23 billion metric tons of carbon dioxide in 2006. In comparison, the United States, which gets half its electricity from coal, produced 5.8 billion metric tons of CO₂, it said.

The group's analysis makes sense and had been predicted to happen by 2009 or 2010, said experts from the United Nations and the US Energy Information Administration, and outside academics.

Bert Metz, a senior researcher at the Dutch agency and a leading expert on efforts to battle global

warming, said the analysis was done using methods and data that "are the best currently available."

This means that "Chinese contributions to global CO₂ emissions are getting more important," Metz said in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

A woman in the press office of China's State Environmental Protection Agency called the report "irresponsible," and said "it's impossible that China is the world's top producer of carbon dioxide emissions." The woman, who refused to give her name, said her agency and the National Development and Reform Commission were collecting evidence to refute the Dutch report.

Repeated calls to the National Development and Reform Commission, the Cabinet-level economic planning agency, rang unanswered.

Earlier figures indicated China would likely surpass the US in greenhouse gas emissions as early as 2009, although other predictions said it could happen this year.

Chinese environmental officials have said that while total emissions are going up, they are still less than one quarter of those of the United States on a per capita basis. Because China's population of 1.3 billion people is more than four times that of the United States, China spews about 4,763 kilograms of carbon dioxide per person, while in the United States it is nearly 19,278 kilograms per person.

Olivier said there was not much chance China will now lose its lead.

"China's growth will saturate at some point," he said. But "for now, we don't see a trend (toward) this saturation yet." AP



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WORLD BRIEFS

Suicide bomber kills 12 in Iraq oil tanker blast

KIRKUK, Iraq—A suicide bomber exploded an oil tanker south of Iraq's oil-rich city of Kirkuk on Thursday, killing 12 people and wounding 70, including policemen and local politicians. The bomber blew up the tanker outside police headquarters and a cluster of government buildings in the town of Suleiman Beg, about 90 km from the northern city of Kirkuk, police and hospital officials said. The latest attack—two days after a Baghdad bomb killed 87 people—was carried out as the US military pressed an air and ground assault on al-Qaida strongholds north of Baghdad and which the military said on Thursday had killed 41 people it described as insurgents and had destroyed some of their hideouts. Around 10,000 US and Iraqi troops backed by attack helicopters and armored vehicles have been battling alleged al-Qaida militants in the restive province of Diyala since early Tuesday. AFP

Bush again vetoes stem-cell bill

WASHINGTON—President George W. Bush vetoed legislation on Wednesday that would expand federally funded embryonic stem cell research, triggering an uphill battle to override him in the Democratic-led US Congress and likely pushing the issue onto the 2008 election agenda. Two-thirds majority votes would be needed in the Senate and House of Representatives to overcome Bush's opposition and make the bill law. Backers admitted they were short of support. A few dozen of Bush's Republicans in Congress back the measure. The president and other critics condemn the legislation as morally offensive because it would lead to the destruction of human embryos to derive stem cells. Advocates such as the nonprofit Society for Women's Health Research said Bush's decision was the unethical one, especially as the embryos that would be used are left over from fertility treatments and destined to be discarded. Reuters

China province to ban cheap bricks to fight slavery

BEIJING—A Chinese province at the center of a scandal over forced labor at brick kilns will ban the making of cheap bricks—but not for another 18 months—in an effort to end the practice, the official Xinhua news agency said. From the end of next year, cities in northern Shanxi province will no longer be allowed to use solid clay bricks of the kind made cheaply in small kilns, Xinhua reported, citing the provincial government. The report did not say why the ban would not take effect for another year and a half. Revelations of hundreds of poor farmers, teenagers and some children lured or forced to work at kilns, mines and foundries in Shanxi and Henan provinces have unfolded over past weeks, outraging citizens and local media. Reuters

120-day pause on Kosovo independence

UNITED NATIONS—Britain, France and the United States circulated a revised Security Council draft resolution Wednesday urging a 120-day delay in implementing a UN plan for Kosovo's independence to allow for fresh talks on its status, but Russia said it was "unacceptable." The draft, which was sent to other members of the 15-member council for comments ahead of negotiations, "urges the secretary general or his representative to immediately convene the parties to continue final status negotiations within the 120-day period following the adoption of this resolution." In Belgrade Serbia rejected the new UN Security Council draft resolution. "Any attempt to hide the project of (Kosovo) province's independence behind a several-month delay is unacceptable," Serbia's Prime Minister Vojislav Kostunica said. AFP

US considers Blair for Palestine envoy

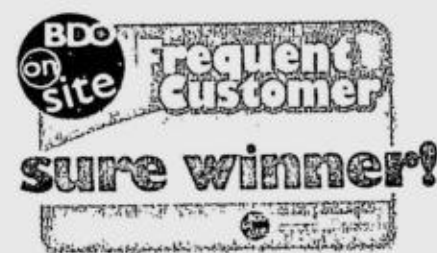
WASHINGTON—The White House is pushing for British Prime Minister Tony Blair to be made a special envoy to work on forming a Palestinian state in the unstable Middle East after he steps down, reports said Thursday. US newspapers cited unnamed officials as saying that the administration of President George W. Bush was laying the groundwork for Blair to be appointed as an envoy for Palestinian state-building. If he accepted the job, he would represent the diplomatic Quartet for the Middle East, comprising the United States, Russia, the United Nations and the European Union. AFP



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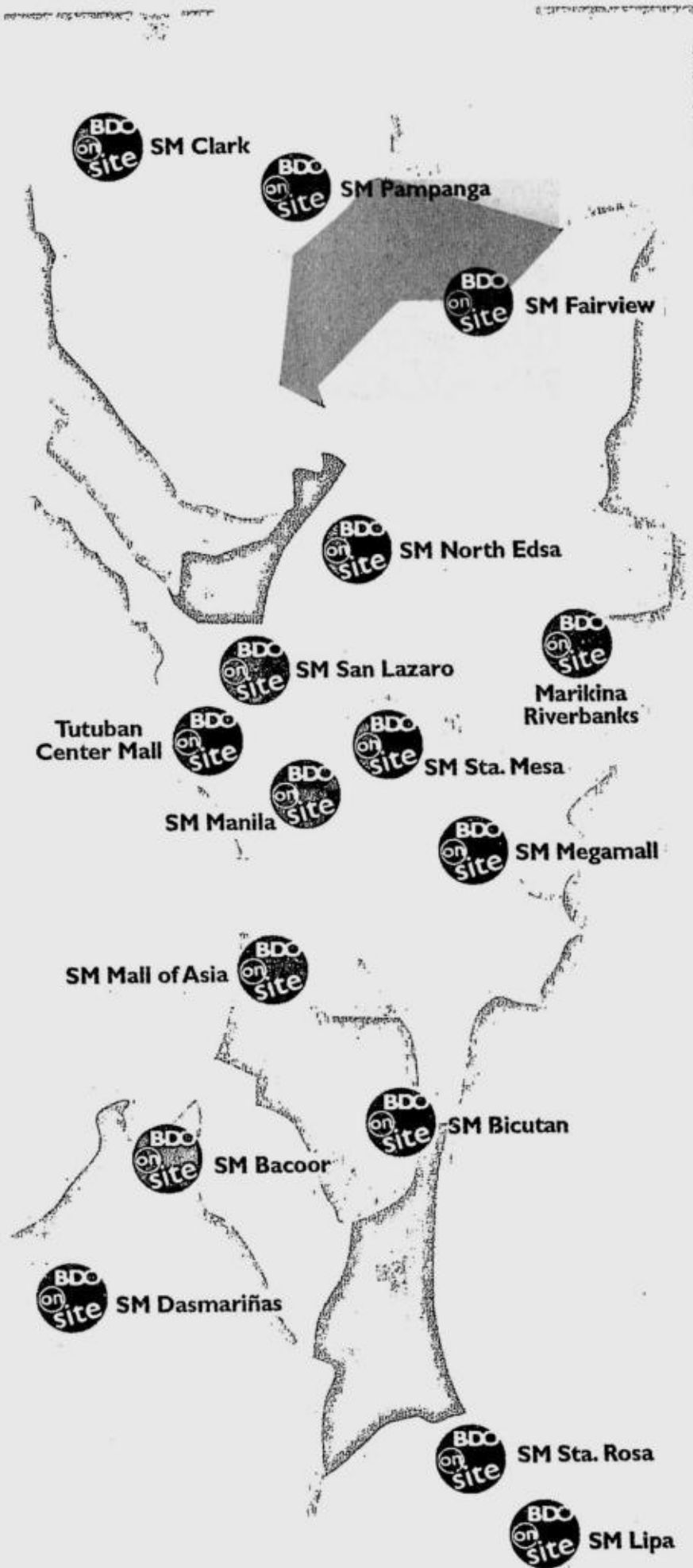
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The WORLD

Editor Luverne B. Gueco

It was right to knight Rushdie, UK says amid Muslim protests

LONDON—BRITAIN INSISTED WEDNESDAY IT WAS RIGHT TO knight Salman Rushdie for his literary career, adding it was "sorry" if it had caused distress, after protests spread in the Muslim world and a prominent cleric called for the novelist to be killed.

Foreign Secretary Margaret Beckett, standing alongside her Iraqi counterpart Hoshiyar Zebari, said that Britain was "sorry if there are people who have taken very much to heart this honor, which is after all for a lifelong

body of literary work."

She stressed that the 60-year-old Rushdie was just one of many Muslims who had been recognized by the British honors system, something she said "may not be realized by many of

those who have been vocal in their opposition." Earlier, Home Secretary John Reid said the government stood by the award, which was announced last weekend.

"I think we have a set of values that accrues people honors for their contribution to literature even when they don't agree with our point of view ... That's our way and that's what we stand by," Reid said.

Beckett's and Reid's comments came amid a rising fury in the Muslim world at the honor for Rushdie, with 20 members of Malaysia's main Islamic opposition, the Pan-Malaysia Islamic party, shouting "Go to hell Britain! Go to hell Rushdie!" outside the British High Commission in Kuala Lumpur on Wednesday.

The protests came a day after both Pakistan and Iran—whose late supreme leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini sentenced the "Satanic Verses" author to death in 1989—summoned Britain's ambassadors to protest.

In Islamabad, Abdul Rashid Ghazi, one of two brothers who runs the hardline Red Mosque, backed comments by Pakistan's religious affairs minister Ijaz-ul-Haq that the knighthood justified suicide attacks by Muslims.

"Salman Rushdie deserves to be killed and anyone who has the power must kill him," Ghazi said in a statement. He added that if the Pakistani government cooperated "we will make arrangements to murder ... Rushdie here."

Around 300 female Islamists wearing all-covering burkas and waving flags and placards blocked the road outside the Pakistani parliament.

"He is not a famous writer, why has he been given such a rare title? This is really a move against Muslims," said Samia Raheel Qazi, an MP and head of the women's wing of the fundamentalist Jamaat-e-Islami party.

Another 300 people gathered to torch an effigy of Rushdie in the southern city of Karachi, while hundreds more burned British flags and dummies of the writer in the central city of Multan.

Zebari, meanwhile, said in London he personally thought the honor was "untimely" and his government "shared the views of many Muslims."

In Afghanistan, the ultra-Islamic Taliban movement, which is leading a bloody insurgency five years after its ouster by US-led forces, condemned Britain's action.

"This is a clear enmity with Islam and Muslims. We ask Britain to take back what they have done and to apologize to Muslims," said a Taliban statement read to AFP over the telephone by spokesperson Yousuf Ahmadi.

Former Pakistani premier Benazir Bhutto meanwhile condemned Haq's comment, saying in a statement he had done a "great disservice both to the image of Islam and the standing of Pakistan by calling for (the) murder of (a) foreign citizen." AFP

Abbas rules out reconciliation with Hamas

RAMALLAH, WEST BANK—PALESTINIAN President Mahmoud Abbas, in his first speech since Islamist Hamas took over the Gaza Strip, said on Wednesday there could be no reconciliation with a group he described as "traitors."

Ending a diplomatic embargo imposed after Hamas swept Palestinian elections last year, Israel's foreign minister held talks with the prime minister in the Cabinet Abbas formed to replace the Hamas-led government and restore Western donor aid.

Hamas faces deepening isolation in the Gaza Strip and has called for rapprochement with Abbas. But the president, whose break with Hamas was welcomed abroad, rebuffed those overtures in a rare display of public re-creation.

"No dialogue with those killers," Abbas told the executive of the umbrella Palestine Liberation Organization, in a speech aimed at rallying support for his decision to rule by decree.

"I address our people in Gaza. I tell them that the plans of these putschist assassins have no future," Abbas said in a televised address peppered with Koranic quotes and a charge—denied by Hamas—that Gazan "traitors" tried to kill him.

Hamas has rejected Abbas' new government and regards itself as head of the coalition government formed in March. Thousands of Palestinians rallied in Gaza's streets after Abbas' speech, burning the president in effigy to chants of "US puppet!"

Sami Abu Zuhri of Hamas accused Abbas of being part of "an Israeli, American and regional plot to split the Gaza Strip from the West Bank" and thus break up the Palestinian polity.

US President George W. Bush, hosting Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert in Washington on Tuesday, endorsed Abbas, who leads the secular Fatah faction, as "president of all the Palestinians."

After 15 months in which Israel shunned the Hamas-led Cabinet, Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni's spokesperson said she spoke with Abbas' new prime minister, Salam Fayyad, for a "beginning of a dialogue between the two governments." Reuters

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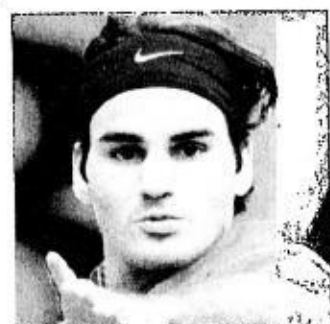
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Bulls, Aces seek 2-game buffers

YENG GUIAO TALKED WITH A LOT OF confidence while Tim Cone looked forward to more difficult days ahead after Red Bull and Alaska won the opener of their respective semifinal series Wednesday night in the Talk 'N Text-Fiesta Cup at the Araneta Coliseum.

Saying he likes his chances now, Guiao and the Bulls go for a 2-0 lead over the Talk 'N Text Phone Pals when they resume their best-of-seven duel for a championship slot at 7:20 p.m. at the same Big Dome.

Cone's Aces will try to go for a similar two-game edge over the San Miguel Beermen earlier at 4:35 p.m.

"There will be very little adjustments on our part (for the second game)," Guiao said Wednesday. "My only fear was how to get a feel of the game because during our long break, we couldn't simulate game situations in practice."

"But after tonight, we have a feel of the series already," he added. "And I am more confident going into Game 2."

The defending champion Bulls, idle for more than two weeks after topping the classification round, erased a 19-34 lead early in the second quarter without much effort, before pouring it on in the final half to win with aplomb.

While Red Bull rallied to win, Alaska was lucky to pull through.

"They've had some miraculous finishes (in the tournament)," coach Tim Cone said of the

Beermen, whom they turned back, 100-99 despite going scoreless in the final 1:44. "And they almost did it again tonight."

"Nothing will come easy from hereon. It (series) is going to get harder with each game that we will have to earn everything."

Danny Ildefonso's jumper from deep right corner rattled out of the rim at the buzzer, allowing the Aces to escape.

Already without three starters who are either on national duty or at the center of two lopsided trades, the Bulls displayed so much class against the Phone Pals that they are again labeled as favorites.

James Penny showed everyone that he has the edge in all-around brilliance over JJ Sullinger, and Guiao has been able to tap someone from the bench to contribute heavily.

Larry Fonacier was the key reliever for the Bulls as the former Ateneo gunslinger unloaded 11 points in the fourth quarter to wind up with 14 markers in just 13 minutes on the floor.

And the Red Bull defense shut down Mac Cardona, who finished with just 15 points, eight shy of his tournament average of 23.

Musong R. Castillo

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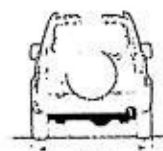
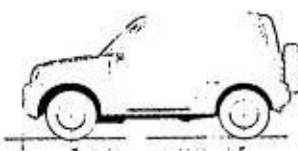
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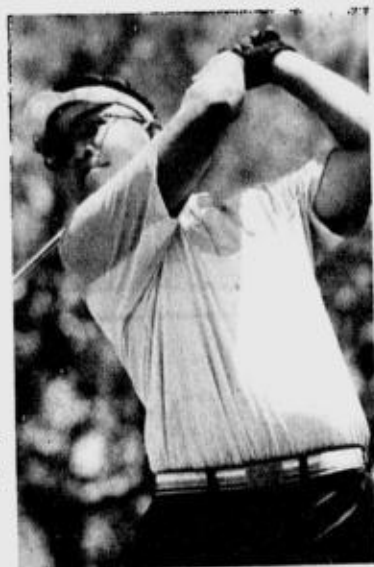
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ABDON: Battle's back to scratch

3-putt gaffe costs Abdon solo top spot

By Marc Anthony Reyes

JOHN KIER ABDON THREE-putted the 18th for bogey and dropped into a tie for the lead with Malaysian Nicholas Fung Chee Yung after 54 holes of the Asean Schools jungolf championship yesterday at the Manila Southwoods in Carmona, Cavite.

The last-hole gaffe left Abdon with a 69 and a three-day total of 204, which the defending champion Malaysians equaled in bouncing back from three shots down with a bogey-free 66 at the Legends course.

"I charged it and gave it an allowance when I should have putted it straightaway," said the 16-year-old Abdon, who also had a bogey on No. 15 after gunning down five birdies.

"It think it was just a careless shot; he (Abdon) is a very good player," said Yung, a senior high school student from Sabah Secondary School, who had earlier rounds of 68 and 70.

Yung also powered the Malaysians to the lead in boys' team play with a total of 870, two shots ahead of second-round leader Thai-

land and eight strokes up on Singapore.

The Philippines remained in fourth place with an 886 total despite the 70 of Jan Michael Karel Yee and Joey Huerva's even-par round.

Huerva kept third place in the individual race with a 215 total, one stroke ahead of Thai Sittiporn Wattanapulsab.

Kristle Koh Pei Lin of Singapore pressed her dominance in girls' individual play with a 70 for a total of 216.

But Thailand stayed in front in

the team competition, two strokes ahead of Singapore with a 660.

The Filipinas again failed to get a sub-par round and languished in fifth place (688) behind Malaysia (682) and Indonesia (687).

Regina de Guzman, the top Filipino bet in the girls' division, stood in a two-way tie for sixth at 224.

Abdon, who had earlier rounds of 66-69, said he felt pressure throughout the round but insisted that his missed putt in front of the gallery that included his parents was just a miscalculation on his part.

"Tomorrow it's back to scratch," said Abdon, a Junior World veteran who missed the greens in the first three holes. "I will just play, I think a four-under can win it."

The Malaysian kept the Filipino on his toes with six birdies—on the 3rd, 4th, 7th, 9th, 10th and 14th.

Fung parred the par-4 15th and finally caught up with Abdon when the Filipino bogeyed from the bunker.

But the Filipino regained the lead with a birdie on the par-5 17th only to give the stroke back on the next hole.

S'fuego joins 3-way tie for lead with 66

By Musong R. Castillo

LIPA CITY—RICHARD Sinfuego rallied with a flawless six-under-par 66 yesterday to grab a piece of the lead going into the final round of the P1.32 million PGAP Pantechs Invitational presented by Jun Bustamante.

The burly 35-year-old fired at pins with laser-like accuracy to produce the day's best round and share a two-stroke lead with Casius Casas and Mars Pucay at 205, 11-under at Malarayat Golf and Country Club's composite layout here.

Smoking back nine

Casas, the former Philippine Open winner, turned in a 67 built around a smoking 32 coming home, while Pucay, the Asian Tour campaigner who shared the first-round lead after a 68 on Tuesday, fired a 69.

Elmer Salvador, seeking to win the third straight leg of this circuit put up by PGAP

president Bustamante, matched the day's best round and moved into contention in solo fourth, just two off the leaders.

Marvin Dumandan, the former RP Amateur mainstay, fired a 68 for 209.

Artemio Murakami joined him in fifth spot after shooting a 67.

Floundered going out

Second-round leader Antonio Lascaña floundered with a front nine 40 littered with five bogeys. He closed with a 75 to drop out of the solo lead and fall five shots behind in the event backed by JP Golf Korea and Malarayat chair Antonio Turalba.

Lascaña lost the lead early after dropping three straight shots from No. 2. He had just one birdie, which came on the seventh, that was sandwiched by bogeys on the sixth and eighth holes.

Sinfuego, who led after three rounds in the second leg of the series at the Royal Northwoods in Bulacan last April only to collapse on the final day, will try to get the job done this time.

Ibarra Quiachon fired a 70 and joined Lascaña in seventh spot along with former Asian Tour Rookie of the Year Juvic Pagunsan, who also turned in a 70 for 210 aggregates.



RICHARD Sinfuego tries to get the job done this time. ROGER MARGALLO

Florendo, Cunanan raise RP gold haul to seven

PATTAYA, THAILAND—PAULO JAMES Florendo and Kimberly Jane Cunanan pocketed a gold medal each in the rapid event to cap the Filipinos' solid form in the 8th Asean+Age Group Chess Championship at the Jomtien Hotel here.

The 18-year-old Florendo, a native of Zamboanga City, emerged tied with Vietnam's Tran Thanh Tu with 7 points after nine rounds of play en route to the boys' under-18 category title.

Cunanan, from Dau, Pampanga, finished in a three-way tie for first with 7 points and took the Under-16 crown. The 15-year-old Cunanan then combined with Generose Razo and Kristine Rose Mariano to give the Philippines the team bronze.

The 27-man RP team amassed seven golds after 10 days of the competition, which drew 88 Vietnamese and 57 Singaporean players.

"Our young chess players proved that they really deserve our support," said National Chess Federation of the Philippines Rep. Prospero "Butch" Pichay. "They did well here."

Pichay, elected as deputy president of the Asean Chess Federation, announced that the Philippines will host the event next year in Subic.

Haridas Pascua, who won a gold each in the standard and blitz events, settled for a bronze in the boys' under-14, while under-18 bet Aices Salvador of De La Salle also took a bronze.

The girls' under-12 squad of Brena Membrere, Mira Mirano and Ma. Leonora Daylo and the under-8 pair of Ma. Antoinette San Diego and Samantha Gio Revita bagged silver medals.

Chardine Cheradee Camacho and Judith Pineda, Eugene Samonte, Vince Medina and Dominique Lagula, Joel Pimentel, Emmanuel Eumir Songcuya and Emmanuel Elijah Songcuya also bagged bronze medals in the team events.

US Links: Tanpinco, Dela Paz bow out

ANYA TANPINCO AND BAMBEE de la Paz failed to dish out solid games and bowed out at the start of the match play phase of the 2007 United States Women's Amateur Public Links Championship at the Kearney Hill Golf Links in Lexington, Kentucky, on Wednesday.

Tanpinco, who with De la Paz

barely survived the stroke play elims, took a 4 and 3 whipping from Mina Harigae of Monterey, California in the upper bracket of the 64-player draw.

De la Paz never recovered from a shaky start and absorbed a 4 and 2 loss from Christine Song of Fullerton, California in the lower half of the draw.

Harigae and Song finished tied for seventh in the 36-hole qualifying with identical 143 totals. Tanpinco and De la Paz both made it at 152.

Stephanie Kono of Hawaii who posted the day's biggest upset when she booted out top qualifier Tiffany Lua, 3 and 1.

It marked the first time that the

low medalist failed to advance in the first round since Sunny Oh beat Jessica Reese in Oregon, 9 and 7, in 2002.

Other winners included Fil-Am Remjin Camping, who thumped Mary Mattson, 4 and 3, to arrange a second-round clash with Kayla Mortellaro, who routed Ashley Mylton, 5 and 4.

Norwood's citizenship still in doubt

By Musong R. Castillo

GABE NORWOOD, A DREAM 6-foot-6 point guard for the Philippine team, remains just that at the moment—a dream.

With just over a month before the Fiba Asia Olympic qualifier in Tokushima, Japan, the most important piece of paper that would prove Norwood's claim to Filipino lineage still cannot be found.

The birth certificate of Norwood's grandmother, supposedly a Filipina at the time of the birth of the cager's mother, is missing.

Norwood cannot lay claim to Filipino citizenship through his mother, who was already an American citizen on his birth.



NORWOOD: Race against time

The PBA has asked Norwood's lawyers to speed up the search for the cager's birth certificate so the league could apply for his Philippine passport on time.

Norwood joined the RP team in

Belgrade last week, with the George Mason University star in the NCAA giving a good account of himself in tuneup matches with Serbian and Montenegrin squads.

This development comes on the heels of three other PBA superstars who were invited to join the RP team camp and Kelly Williams' willingness to forego a family reunion in the United States to be able to start practicing on Monday.

Eric Menk, KG Canalela and reigning PBA MVP James Yap are all being considered, with Menk and Canalela expected to join practice on Monday.

"Hopefully, these adjustments are for the better," said PBA commissioner Noli Eala late Wednesday night at the Araneta Coliseum.

"Having these players in the pool will allow us to get the best 12 (players) for Tokushima."

Eala said that Williams came to him to say that he is ready to join the RP team and that he is willing to move to August his vacation in the US if he makes it to the team.

The RP team is expected back in the country any day now from Belgrade. It flies out again near the end of the month for Taipei to take part in the William Jones Cup.

There, Reyes will be taking the full compliment of a 14-man roster. Only 12 will get to play in a game, though, but organizers allowed a bigger lineup with teams playing nine straight games.

South Korea, Malaysia stints for Smart-Petron Filipino jins

TWO SMART/PETRON TAEKWONDO TEAMS will see action in separate international competitions—one in the 2007 World Taekwondo Culture Expo Festival on June 25 to 29 in Muju and Jeonju, Korea and the other in the 2007 9th World Taekwondo World Festival and Malaysian Open championships in Kuala Lumpur on June 28 to July 2.

Philippine Taekwondo Association president Robert N. Aventajado says "our participation in these two prestigious events gives our jins the opportunity to learn new techniques and improve their skills."

Fifty countries, including the United States, France, Spain, China, Japan and Germany, will also vie in the Korean tilt, while 30 countries, including host Korea and Chinese Taipei, will compete in the Malaysian event.

Six officials headed by Ricardo Santiago Jr. and Tem Igor Mella, 63 senior, junior and young junior athletes and 21 delegates make up the team to Korea, where action centers on sparring, poomse and breaking.

Commander Loreto Velasquez heads the squad vying in Malaysia. The other official is Jaime Robianes.

PMA Class '78 charity poker event tomorrow

THE TEXAS CHARITY POKER TOURNAMENT hosted by the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) Makataraung Class of 1978 starts tomorrow at the Le Salon Ballroom of the Hyatt Casino Hotel Manila.

Billed as "Battle Royale," proceeds of the fund-raising event will pay for the tuition of orphaned children of the departed PMA '78 officers and fund various socio-civic programs that the class undertakes around the country.

At stake are cash prizes starting from P10,000 for each table winner during the shootout round and up to P100,000 for the final freeze-out round winners.

The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. has sweetened the prize pool with an additional P10,000 worth of non-cashable playing chips that will be awarded to the lucky 7 players in the final freeze-out round.

SPORTSWATCH

POC top brass SCOOP session guests

THE COUNTRY'S TITLE RETENTION BID IN THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES and its quest for a first Olympic gold medal will be discussed in today's SCOOP weekly session at the Kamayan Restaurant-Padre Faura. Philippine Olympic Committee president Jose "Peping" Coljuanco, vice president and SEAG chief of mission Rep. Monico Puentevela and members of the SEA Games task force, led by commissioner Richie Garcia, have been invited to appraise members of the Sports Communicators Organization of the Philippines on the extent of preparations of Filipino athletes for the SEAG and next year's Beijing Olympics. Today's session, sponsored by Accel and TeleTech, starts at 11 a.m.

Lady Archers cage squad readies fund-raiser

DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY WILL KICK OFF ITS PREPARATIONS THE 70TH season of the UAAP with an activity called Project: Greenlight at 9 p.m. on June 29 at the Temple Bar and Restaurant in Greenbelt, Makati City. The event, the first of the party series highlighting the institution's traditions and sporting prowess, will have the Lady Archers basketball team and the Child Protection Unit of the Philippine General Hospital as beneficiaries. Project: Greenlight is organized by the La Salle women's basketball squad in cooperation with Eventscape Manila. For inquiries, call Eventscape Manila at 897-2472 or 897-2676, or fax (632) 895-7417.

NBA Madness plays on at SM North Edsa

FROM ITS SUCCESSFUL OPENING AT SM SAN LAZARO LAST WEEKEND, the interactive basketball lifestyle event NBA Madness moves to The Block at SM North Edsa from today to Sunday. The event consists of hoop games, music performances and special appearances by NBA talents. SM mall goers will have a fun time joining the various activities that dangle prizes. The winners of each NBA Madness leg compete for the championship slated at SM Megamall on July 20 to 22. From The Block, NBA Madness travels to SM Southmall on June 29 to July 1, to SM Mall of Asia from July 6-8, SM Fairview from July 13 to 15, then to SM Megamall for the Finals.

90 fights in Pasay derby today

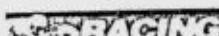
BIG-TIME COCKFIGHTING SHIFTS TO THE PASAY CITY COCKPIT TODAY AS the "JOF Sa Pasay" 5-cock derby unfolds at 4 p.m. today featuring 90 fights and with Sagupaan Complex 3000 as sponsor. Patrick Antonio, fresh off his victory in the SJC International Derby, banners the list of participants vying for the P450,000 prize. Hosts Jet and Joel Fernando of Pampanga said the champion will also receive an Italy-made trophy. Participants include Rep. Iggy Arroyo, Elwin Javelosa, Arnold Mendoza, Paul Dominguez, Jack Yap, Jun Jingco, Madlambayan Brothers, Sonny Lagon, Ruel Ricafort and Ric de Guzman.

Cainta 5-cocker resumes today

ROUND TWO OF THE "ITAKTAK MO 5-COCK DERBY," A FIVE-DAY SPECTACLE at Cainta Fair Center Coliseum, blasts off at 6 p.m. today with some 60 matches. Nine entries scored 2 points each after Wednesday's opening round: Velasco Brothers, Maharlika, Isarog, Ara and Drei, Father and Son, BJJ, Kaimito, Bong Yang Sam and BBG Beast Master. Two more qualifying rounds will be held on June 25 and 27. The 3-cock finale sizzles on June 29. Host Ronnie Lacsina said the winners will receive a guaranteed prize of P1.5 million.

Race 1—(Ort/Tri)—Highway Builder (4), Sava (1), Instant (5), Marcus Empire (6)
Race 2—(Triecta)—Hussy (1), Affirmed Queen (3), Splendor/Tata Ra (2)
Race 3—(Penta/Ort/Tri)—Coat of Arms (5), The Dominator (1), Terminator (3), Daddy's Girl (4), Guided Missile (3)
Race 4—(Tri)—Irene's Fantasy (5), Madam Cognac

Race 7—(Ort/Tri)—El Cid (7), Mary Jane Bomb (1), Ambot Sa Imo (5), Divine Right (2)
Race 8—(Penta/Ort/Tri)—Gun Powder (2), China Girl (7), King Alifu (4), Angel Sky (5), Dixie Dash (4)
Race 9—(Super Sit/Ort/Tri)—RD Spectrum (2), Rain Dancer (6), Stoops (5), See More Queen (10), Mighty Mare (9), Hickham (3)



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(1), Dancing Polly (3)
Race 5—(Ort/Tri)—Bahram (5), Shea Born/Noble and Nice (1), Bull Knight (6), Tribeca (4)
Race 6—(Ort/Tri)—Hear Me (2), Traditional (5), Earl Gray (3), Golden Connection (6)

Fil-Briton ace may soon play with Beckham

By Jasmine W. Payo

FIL-BRITON PHIL Younghusband may just be two weeks away from playing alongside football icon David Beckham.

A reserve for the Chelsea Football Club in London, Younghusband is expected to move to the Los Angeles Galaxy, the Major League Soccer club that recently acquired Beckham in a multimillion-dollar deal.

"I'll know in a couple of weeks, but it's more likely than not likely," Younghusband told the *Inquirer*. "[LA Galaxy officials] said they like what they saw and they would like me to sign."

Younghusband, the Philippine team's top striker, recently played in from the Los Angeles training camp.

"Chelsea is becoming close with LA Galaxy," he said. "Chelsea's first pre-season game was with LA Galaxy. They heard about me and I trained with them. It was an opportunity that came about. It's a chance that I'm taking."

"A few months ago, I only did one training session. Then I went there a couple of weeks ago for a week and did a few more training sessions."

The 19-year-old Younghusband, though, gets a kick out of the likely opportunity to play with his childhood hero.

Beckham, the 32-year-old former England captain, will join the Galaxy on July 1. He played his final game with Primera Liga champion Real Madrid last Sunday.

"It's a big, big thing for me," said Younghusband. "He's the one player I look up to and wanted to be like. And with the way he works, I really admire that. But I'm excited to play with all the players actually."

The Galaxy roster also boasts of United States captain Landon Donovan and American national team star Cobi Jones.

But Younghusband said he and his older brother, 20-year-old James, remain committed to play for the Philippines in the Southeast Asian Games this December in Thailand.

"It's a national duty, so it's a priority," said Younghusband.



YOUNGHUSBAND

Lyceum spikers repulse Ateneo, regain top spot

LYCEUM SHOOK OFF A SLUGGISH START to thwart Ateneo, 19-25, 25-23, 19-25, 25-15, 15-10, yesterday and regain the solo lead in the Shakey's V-League at The Arena in San Juan.

Sherrilyn Carrillo and Joselyn Degorostiza asserted their might in the last two sets as the Lady Pirates' propped up their championship drive with their seventh win against two losses.

In the second game, University of Santo Tomas also boosted its bid with a 25-22, 25-21, 25-21 victory over erstwhile co-leader San Sebastian.

The Tigresses, the inaugural titlist of this tournament in 2004, raised their record to 6-3 for third place. Like the La Salle Lady Archers, they also moved within a win of gaining a playoff for the second finals berth under the league's 3-of-4 incentive scheme in the semis.

Mary Jean Balse and Venus Bernal again led the UST attack that pulled down San Sebastian, last year's runner-up, to second place with a 7-3 mark. San Sebastian also bowed to La Salle last Tuesday.

The Archers, toting a 5-4 card, have won

STANDINGS	W	L
Lyceum	7	2
SSC	7	3
Santo Tomas	6	3
La Salle	5	4
Ateneo	3	7

GAMES SUNDAY

(The Arena, San Juan)

2 p.m.—Santo Tomas

vs Lyceum

4 p.m.—Ateneo

vs La Salle

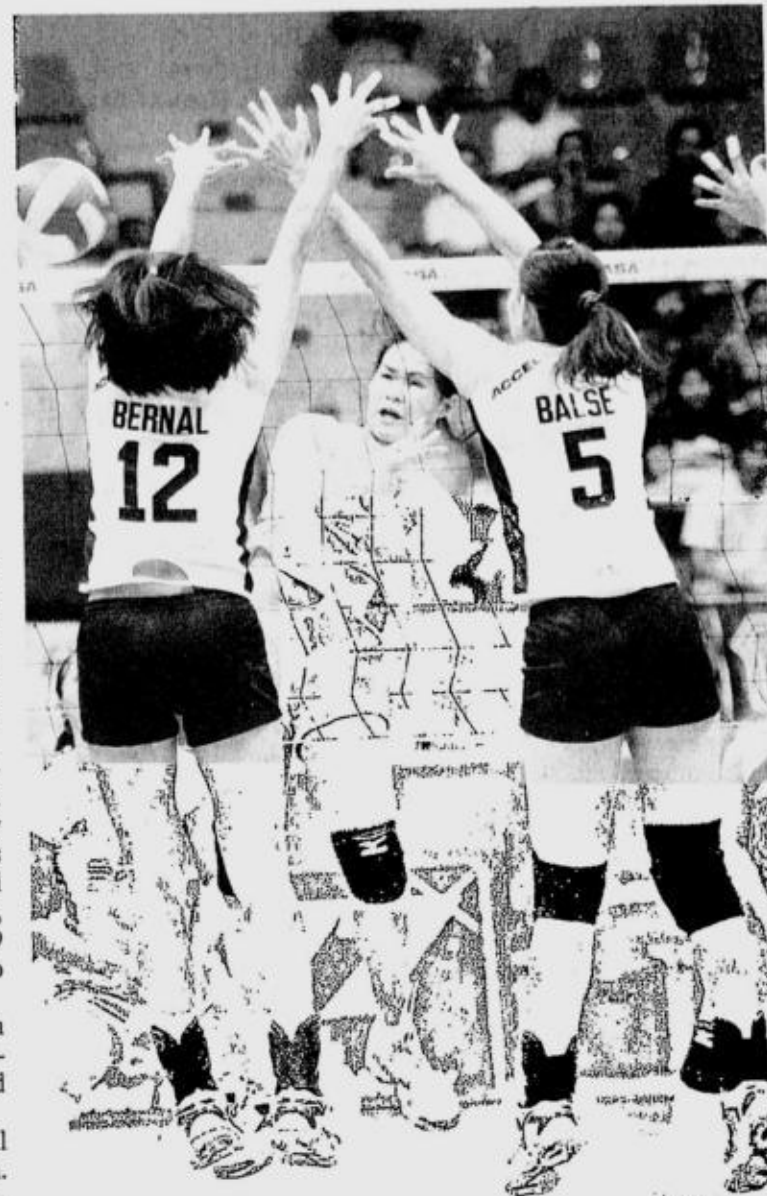
their first two games in the semis and just need one more victory in their last two assignments to earn a crack at the second finals slot.

Carrillo and Degorostiza combined for 47 kills as they outthit Ateneo's Michelle Laborte and Ma. Rosario Soriano, who finished with 39

attacks, in the game that took nearly two hours to finish.

Guest player Cristina Salak and Dahlia Cruz also shone for the Lady Pirates by tossing in 18 and 12 points, respectively, and combining for 11 blocks.

Meanwhile, the Lyceum-Ateneo clash will be aired on NBN-4 today starting at 2 p.m. while the SSC-UST duel will be telecast tomorrow, also from 2 p.m. Games are replayed over Viva Prime from 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Mondays through Saturdays.



SAN SEBASTIAN'S Thai guest spiker Jaroensri Bualee punctures the UST defense put up by Venus Bernal and Cherry Balse. AUGUST DELA CRUZ



WORLD No. 3 Cheng Hong of China in action

428 PLAYERS, 30 NATIONS

World's ace shuttlers in RP Open

A BANNER FIELD OF 428 PLAYERS from 30 countries, including 26 of the world's top-ranked shuttlers in five divisions, will slug it out for top honors in the 2007 Bingo Bonanza Philippine Open badminton championships starting July 18 at the PhilSports Arena in Pasig City.

Eight of the world's top 15 spearhead the 107-strong cast in men's singles, while five of the world's top 15 lead the 60-player field in women's singles.

The men's doubles roster will feature four of the top 15 while six of the top 15 are vying in women's doubles.

The mixed doubles, where the Filipino brother-sister tandem of Kennie and Kennevic Asuncion finished runner-up in last year's inaugurals, will have

three of the world's top 15 pairs.

The championships, a Grand Prix "Gold" tournament, dangles a total prize pot of \$120,000.

World No. 3 Chen Hong of China and No. 4 and former world No. 1 Lee Chong Wei of Malaysia will be the marked men in men's singles, while Germany's Xu Huaiwen and France's Pi Hongyan, the world's Nos. 5 and 6, respectively, will be the players to watch in ladies singles.

The world No. 5 pair of Tony Gunawan of the United States and Indon Candra Wijaya and No. 12 Susanto Njoto and Hadikusumo Wiratama of Hong Kong head the men's doubles field.

Taiwan's world No. 5 tandem of Wen Hsing-cheng and Yu Chin-chien banner the women's doubles cast.

World No. 2 Nova Widianto and Lilyana Natsir and No. 8 Flандy Limpele and Vita Marissa, both of Indonesia set out as the favorite in mixed doubles of the event sanctioned by the International Badminton Federation and organized by IMG Group.

This year's event also drew players from England, Czech Republic, Finland, Italy, Ireland, Russia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Wales, Austria, Portugal, Canada, India, Iran, Vietnam, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, South Korea, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines.

The field also includes 54 Filipinos, headed by the Asuncions, Lloyd Escoses, Kelvin Ang, Melvin Llanes, Karyn Velez and Irene Chiu in the singles.

Peña expects to race well in Zhuhai AF3-Pac Series

ZHUHAI—HAVING arrived in this bustling southern Chinese city four days ago, Dado Peña has shaken off the cobwebs of a three-month break from competition and is ready to race in the last three rounds of the Asian Formula Three Pacific Series here.

Peña, the only Filipino seeing action against tough foreign drivers here, is keen on racing again at the 4.3-kilometer Zhuhai International Circuit where he scored a victory last year in the regular AF3 Series.

Peña hooked up with 2006 team champion JA Motorsport on Thursday and immediately tested his car for Rounds 11 to 13 of the Pacific Series set Saturday and Sunday.

The series opened here earlier this year and also had stops in Melbourne and Sentul, Indonesia.

"It was my choice," Peña said of JA Motorsport, the team that Briton James Winslow led to the individual and team titles last year.

"The goal is to win. We can only determine our chances after we have completed the practice sessions. I believe we can fight for victories."

The 19-year-old Peña is convinced the rust factor will not come into play. He drove well in the Melbourne stop of the series last March.



DADO Peña, the only Filipino on the grid in the last three AF3 races.

After the final leg of last season's AF3 Series at the Batangas Racing Circuit, where he chalked up a win and a third-place finish, Peña focused on his studies at the University of San Francisco.

He donned his track suit and drove an F3 car in the support races to the Formula One Australian Grand Prix at Albert Park in Melbourne.

He dished out a performance Australian commentators dubbed "sensational," blitzing his way from the back of the 31-car grid to place 11th.

This time, the Filipino is expected to crowd series leaders Dillon Battistini of England, Finland's Henri Karjalainen and Indonesian hotshot Moreno Soeprapto for top podium finishes.

"If there is any pressure at all, it is from myself," said Peña, who will turn 20 next month. "I want to win. I want to do a good job."

Olympic Day Run tomorrow

THE COUNTRY CELEBRATES THE CREATION of the International Olympic Committee tomorrow with the 21st edition of the Olympic Day Run which will be fired off at Plaza Sulayman on Roxas Boulevard, Manila.

An expected field of over 1,000 runners will be sent off at exactly 6 a.m.

POC chair Robert Aventura, also president of the Philippine Taekwondo Association, said the race aims to promote Olympic values among Filipinos.

Locally, the event is supported by Accel, the Philippine Sports Commission and held in co-operation with the Manila Sports Council.

POC president Jose Cojuangco, Jr. will speak before the runners and other sports officials at the end of the race, while the IOC representative to the Philippines, Frank Elizalde, will read a message from IOC president Jacques Rogges.

Top honors will be disputed in the 10K race, 10K Wheelchair side event, and 3K Fun Run. There will be age-group competitions.

The men and women's Open category winners will get P5,000, with the first 1,000 finishers going home with special 2007 Olympic Day Run T-shirt each from Accel.

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Kings name Theus new coach

LOS ANGELES—THE SACRAMENTO KINGS NAMED FORMER PLAYER Reggie Theus as their new head coach on Wednesday. A member of the Kings when the franchise moved from Kansas City to Sacramento in 1985, Theus takes over from Eric Musselman, who was sacked in April after the team failed to make the playoffs for the first time in eight years. **Reuters**

SPORTS

WIMBLEDON TITLE

Federer eyes Borg record

LONDON—ROGER FEDERER will shake off his latest Roland Garros mugging, wrap himself up in his trusty All England Club security blanket and target Bjorn Borg's record of five successive Wimbledon titles here next week.

Having seen his latest bid for Grand Slam immortality shot down once again by Rafael Nadal on the French Open clay, the world number one returns to the grass of centre court where he is the undoubted ruler.

Victory on July 8 will place the Swiss just two titles shy of Pete Sampras's record of seven Wimbledon crowns and level Borg's five-in-a-row from 1976-1980.

Few will bet against the 25-year-old going on to become the both the all-time Wimbledon king and Grand Slam title collector as a win here would give Federer his 11th major leaving Sampras's best of 14 tanta-



BORG: Former king

lizingly within reach.

Despite Nadal again shattering his hopes of becoming just the third man in history to hold all four Grand Slam titles at the same time, Federer insists that defeat in Paris will have no bearing on his Wimble-

don campaign.

"It's always easy to forget the clay season because there was so much talk about it. Once you get on the grass, great. If you lose, you kind of forget about it. I'm very excited about the grass season. Everything is in the past," he said.

"This is a huge opportunity for me once again, to win Wimbledon. And hopefully win my fifth in a row, that would be absolutely incredible."

Borg is getting used to seeing his records matched; at Roland Garros, Nadal equaled his three consecutive French Opens.

The Swedish legend has already had reason to be grateful to Federer after the Swiss's shock win over Sampras in 2001 stopped the American from also becoming a five-in-a-row Wimbledon winner.

"I have always seen an awful lot of myself in Roger, the way he approaches the game, the way he car-

ries himself," Borg told Vogue magazine.

Last year, Federer felt so comfortable in south-west London that he dared to stroll onto court resplendent in a cream blazer with his own crest sewn into the breast pocket.

His record meant he could get away with it. He's on a 48-match winning streak on grass with 28 in succession coming at Wimbledon.

If Federer is to be toppled, who is the likely slayer?

There hasn't been a Spanish men's champion since Manuel Santana in 1966.

But Nadal stunned everyone, himself included, by reaching the final last year after having to come back from a two-set deficit to beat unheralded American Robert Kendrick in the second round.

The 21-year-old insists he can approach Wimbledon with the same mindset as last year - with no pressure on a surface alien to him. **AFP**



FEDERER targets fifth straight crown.

Sosa hits 600th homer as Rangers down Cubs

ARLINGTON, TEXAS—SAMMY SOSA'S 600th homer resembled so many that came before—except this time the Chicago Cubs were on the other side.

Playing for the Texas Rangers after a year out of baseball, Dominican-born Sosa became the fifth member of the 600-homer club Wednesday night when he connected against his former team.

After driving a 1-2 pitch to right-center for a solo shot in the fifth inning of Texas' 7-3 victory, Slamin' Sammy bounced out of the batter's box with his trademark hop and thrust his right fist into the air before reaching first base. He was mobbed at home plate by his teammates while the scoreboard showed pictures of all five members of the elite club: Hank Aaron, Barry Bonds, Babe Ruth, Willie Mays and Sosa.

Sosa played for the Cubs from 1992-2004, winning the '98 National League MVP award and making seven All-Star teams while hitting 545 homers with Chicago.

No. 600 came off Jason Marquis, the 364th pitcher the 38-year-old Sosa has homered off in his 18 major league seasons.

It was Sosa's 12th homer in 62 games this season since signing a minor league deal and making the roster in spring training with Texas, the

franchise that gave him his start. He hit his first big league homer with the Rangers in 1989.

Sosa also has 52 RBIs, which ranks seventh in the American League. He has homered against every major league team in his career.

After going into the dugout with his teammates, Sosa came out for a curtain call. He blew kisses to the crowd and acknowledged the Cubs' dugout with a pump of his fist, and Chicago manager Lou Piniella pointed back toward the slugger. Sosa had never faced the Cubs before the series opener.

A countdown banner that has hung in right field for about a month was flipped from 599 to 600 — and a new banner was unfurled in center field congratulating Sosa for joining the 600-homer club.

While Sosa has had an impressive comeback this season, his pursuit of 600 homers was overshadowed by the Rangers (27-44) having the worst record in baseball and Bonds' chase to catch Aaron atop the career home run list.

Bonds has 748 homers — seven shy of Aaron's mark — with only three in his last 97 at-bats. Ruth is third on the home run list with 714. **AP**

Thaksin bids for Manchester

LONDON—THAILAND'S OUSTED prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra launched a bid worth 81.6 million pounds for English Premier-ship football club Manchester City on Thursday and the club backed the terms.

The formal offer, worth 121.5 million euros or 162.6 million dollars, came as Thai prosecutors in Bangkok laid formal criminal corruption charges against Thaksin in the first case to reach court since a coup last year removed him from power.

The bid by Thaksin's UK Sports Investments company was backed by management at Manchester City, which finished a disappointing 14th place last season in the Premiership.

"This offer provides an exciting opportunity to take Manchester City to the next stage of our de-

velopment and deliver the on-field success we have been striving for," said Man City chairman John Wardle in a joint statement.

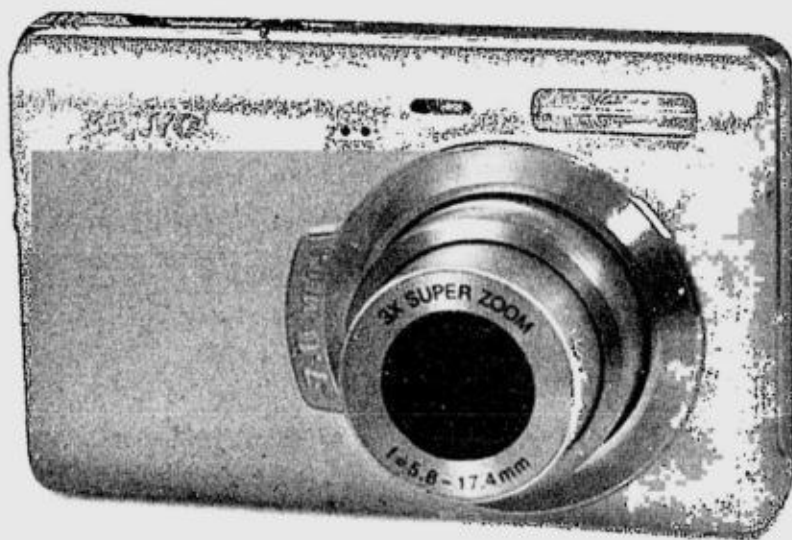
Manchester City has become the latest English football team to attract interest from foreign investors.

Following the takeover of Manchester City, eight Premiership clubs will have fallen into foreign ownership.

In Bangkok, Noppadon Pattama, Thaksin's lawyer in Thailand, said that Thai police should deliver corruption charges to the former premier overseas, rather than demand the exiled leader return to Thailand. Thaksin and his wife Pojaman were ordered to appear before police in Bangkok next week to face corruption charges over an alleged fraudulent filing to the Securities and Exchange Commission. **AFP**



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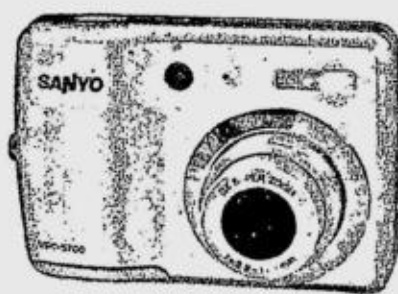
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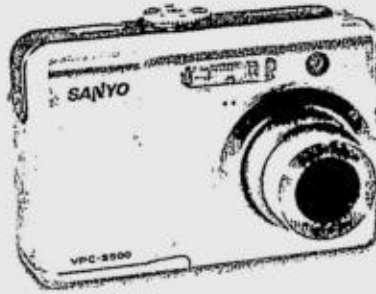
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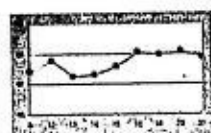
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Teves seeks access to firms' tax returns

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DOF tracing causes of collection shortfall

By Michelle V. Remo

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO HAS BEEN asked to delegate to Finance Secretary Margarito Teves her power to examine tax returns submitted to the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Giving the finance secretary access to the tax returns and allowing the DOF's tax audit team to analyze quarterly tax collections would help address the problem on revenue-collection shortfalls.

This proposal was submitted

by the DOF's tax audit team to the President, who earlier ordered the agency to conduct a study on the real reasons behind the lower-than-expected tax collections as of the first five months of the year.

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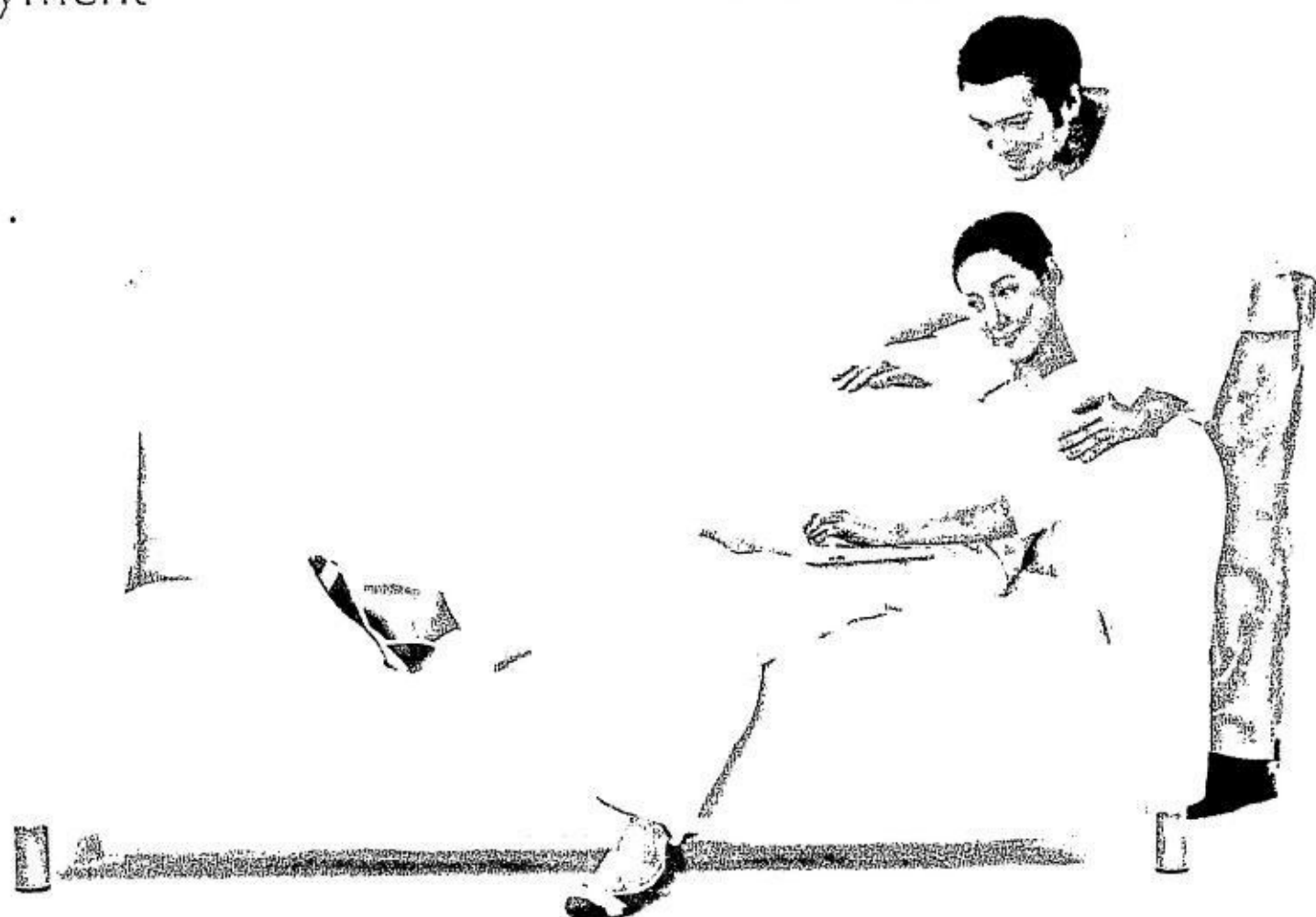
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GMA warned of fiscal implosion had Buñag stayed on

By Daxim L. Lucas

THE FAILURE OF THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE (BIR) to meet its collection targets aggravated by the increasing belligerence of its head, Jose Mario Buñag, led to his firing, according to documents obtained from administration officials.

The documents, along with fiscal performance data, were presented to President Macapagal-Arroyo by Fi-

nance Secretary Margarito B. Teves last Monday in what became the penultimate meeting to decide Buñag's fate.

The documents revealed that the growth rate of the BIR's collections for the first five months of 2007 continued to slide compared to the rate posted during the same period of 2006, despite being aided by collections from the Reformed Value-Added Tax (RVAT) law.

"Please note that of the P75.8 billion collection from RVAT, only P21.6 billion

is accounted for by BIR," the briefing notes to the President read. "This is a mere 3.3 percent of total BIR collection."

The presentation, titled "Need to Act Now to Stop Bleeding in BIR Collection," surfaced amid an increasingly acrimonious relationship between Teves and Buñag.

Underperformer

The BIR chief had long been chafing

under the constant pressure for higher tax collections from his finance department superiors, many of whom were worried that poor collections could derail the fiscal sector's recovery and, eventually, the broader economy.

The BIR had earlier claimed that collections were hobbled by the macroeconomic environment like low interest rates, which deprived it of P5.4 billion in potential revenues in the first five months.

The finance department, however, showed President Arroyo data that debunked Buñag's claims.

"Noteworthy is the fact that BIR collection during the first quarter only grew by 6 percent, much lower than 9.9 percent growth in GDP (gross domestic product, the total value of the local economy) during the period," according to the briefing notes.

A separate Department of Finance audit team that pored over the BIR's performance concluded that the agency should have even collected P9.9 billion more from intensified implementation of tax administration measures to plug tax leakages.

"This further implies that BIR has not realized any efficiency gains," it added.

Teves' presentation to President Arroyo also sought to belie Buñag's assertion that collection targets imposed on his agency were unrealistic.

"Except for March, shortfall in BIR in 2007 monthly collection continues," the documents said. "Please note that BIR sets their monthly targets."

The President was also informed that the BIR operations shortfall from January to May has reached P25.6 billion or 61.2 percent of the deficit for the period.

"Had BIR collected its target, the deficit would have been much lower (P16.2 billion) than January to May program (P36.7 billion)," it added.

The January to May shortfall has already exceeded the total BIR 2006 shortfall of P23.4 billion.

Given the weak collection performance, the BIR's tax effort ratio for January to March 2007 declined to 9.4 percent from 9.7 percent posted in January to March 2006.

Final straw

To date, the 2007 tax effort of the BIR stands at 11.6 percent.

"This implies that for succeeding months, the BIR must remain on target at the very least to achieve the worst-case scenario of replicating tax effort of 2006 of 14.3 percent," the finance department told President Arroyo. "Please recall that our tax effort target for 2007 is 15.2 percent."

Toward the end of the briefing, the finance department's top brass had impressed on the President the fact that BIR had "fumbled the ball" this year, and that only extraordinary measures could put the fiscal sector back on track.

"As of May, slippages in total revenues have reached P36.6 billion," according to the presentation. "To plug the shortfall, we will work hard on non-tax revenues from privatization like San Miguel (P50 billion), Meralco (P7 billion) and additional shares of PNOC-EDC (P18 billion)."

Two days after the finance chief's presentation, President Arroyo gave Buñag his walking papers.

Teves seeks ...

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The collection shortfall has raised concerns both from economic managers and the financial community that the government might not be able to sustain the deficit-reduction it achieved last year.

Finance Undersecretary Gil Beltran said information that could be generated from tax returns would be helpful in formulating policies needed to improve tax collection.

"(With access to tax returns), the tax audit team will be able to process various tax-related data that will help us determine what areas need better tax administration," Beltran said in a briefing.

For instance, Beltran said the tax audit team could determine how much of corporate income tax collection was accounted for by payment of banks or manufacturing firms.

Breaking down tax collection into payments made by various sectors would help show what sectors were posting an increase or decrease in tax payments compared with their income growth.

Beltran admitted that the proposal to allow Teves and the DOP's audit team access to tax returns could generate complaints from businesses who might question its legality and raise their right to privacy.

The finance official said that if there were such concerns, the BIR could conceal the names on the tax returns. What is important for the tax audit team is to come up with a sequential analysis of tax payments, he said.

In the first quarter, the BIR collected P143.1 billion, falling short of the P155.2-billion target for the period.

In January to May, tax collection reached P285.6 billion. This means the BIR still needs to collect P87.7 billion in June alone just to meet the first-half goal of P373.3 billion.

Former Internal Revenue Commissioner Jose Mario Buñag, whose resignation was accepted Wednesday, has cried foul over pressures for the BIR to meet the tax collection targets, which he said were unreasonable. For the full year, the BIR is tasked to collect P765 billion.

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SM eyes 24% stake of gov't in San Miguel

CONGLOMERATE SM INVESTMENTS CORP. might bid for the government's 24-percent stake in Southeast Asia's biggest food and drinks group San Miguel Corp., company vice chair Teresita Sy-Coson said yesterday.

SM Investments, which already has a 10.8-percent holding in SMC and a seat on the group's board, will wait until the consumer giant finalizes plans to expand into mining, power and infrastructure before deciding on whether to participate in a likely auction for the government stake later this year.

"Right now we are still watching the developments," said Sy-Coson, who is also chair of SM's

banking unit Banco de Oro-EPCI Inc. and heads the conglomerate's retail operations. "I do not know what will be the resulting corporate structure (of San Miguel). If we see that it is in the direction we are interested in, which is consumer and real estate, we may like to get involved."

SM Investments, owned by Henry Sy, Sy-Coson's father and one of the country's richest men, has interests in banking, property and retail.

SMC is also bringing forward the planned flotation of its domestic beer business and will raise \$500 million in a hybrid bond issue to help fund its entry into new businesses.

The group stunned investors last month when it said it would spin off its beer and regional packaging divisions and invest in mining, infrastructure and power.

Critics said SMC has no prior experience in heavy industry, and spinning off its core businesses will restrict the parent company's access to profits and cash flow.

SMC president Ramon Ang's comments in an interview with Reuters yesterday indicated the company has accelerated its program to follow a new path. Previously, the listing of the flagship beer business was scheduled for next year.

"We are quite familiar with the power structure, more than most of the players in that sector," Ang, a mechanical engineer by training, told Reuters on the sidelines of an investment conference on the resort island of Mactan.

"We have been operating our own power plants for some time. I think they should be talking to me first and try to understand our strategy."

A consortium including Citigroup and HSBC was handling the \$500-million hy-

brid bond issue, which would come through toward the end of the year, Ang said.

Ang told reporters that the domestic beer business, the profit driver of the listed firm, and the packaging unit would be spun off this year.

Analysts say the beer unit contributes about 40 percent of operating income while packaging contributes about 7-8 percent. San Miguel generated overall operating profit last year of P20.6 billion.

Ang said SMC would retain a 51 percent stake in both new companies, but added that no investment bank had yet been given a mandate for the flotations.

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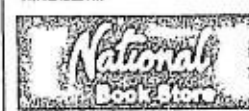
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Stocks close 0.12% lower

SHARE PRICES CLOSED 0.12-PERCENT lower yesterday as investors locked in profits on the back of strong gains in previous sessions, dealers said.

Property developers were among those that suffered the most with late gains in market leader Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT) providing some support, they said.

The composite index closed down 4.29 points at 3,714.59 having moved between 3,662.41 and 3,718.88.

There were 82 advancers and 46 decliners, while 48 stocks were unchanged.

Volume totaled 6.3 billion shares valued at P5.9 billion.

"It's more of a technical correction rather than a reversal of trend," said Gomer Tan of Regina Capital Development Corp.

"We believe that the dips in prices provide fresh buying opportunities for us. We remain bullish about prospects for the Philippine economy."

AFP

CURRENCIES

June 21, 2007	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Dollar Equivalent	Peso Equivalent
United States	Dollar	0.746046	1.000000	45.8500
Japan	Yen	0.006037	0.008092	0.3710
United Kingdom	Pound	1.486944	1.993100	91.3836
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.095483	0.127985	5.8681
Switzerland	Franc	0.602914	0.808146	37.0535
Canada	Dollar	0.699855	0.938086	43.0112
Singapore	Dollar	0.659739	0.851084	29.8522
Australia	Dollar	0.630799	0.845523	38.7672
Bahrain	Dinar	1.979111	2.652801	121.6309
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.198941	0.266660	12.2264
Brunei	Dollar	0.484162	0.648971	29.7553
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000084	0.000112	0.0051
Thailand	Baht	0.023277	0.031201	1.4306
UAE	Dirham	0.203139	0.272287	12.4844
EU	Euro	1.000000	1.340400	61.4573
Korea	Won	0.000805	0.001079	0.0495
China	Yuan	0.097932	0.131268	6.0186
Argentina	Peso	0.242419	0.324939	14.8985
Brazil	Real	0.389987	0.522739	23.9676
Denmark	Kroner	0.134374	0.180115	8.2583
India	Ruppee	0.018348	0.024594	1.1276
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.217696	0.291800	13.3790
Mexico	New Peso	0.068853	0.092291	4.2315
New Zealand	Dollar	0.568632	0.762195	34.9466
South Africa	Rand	0.105448	0.141343	6.4806
Taiwan	Nt Dollar	0.022566	0.030248	1.3869

Source: Reuters' forex closing prices as of NY time—June 20, 2007

* Various banks in Bahrain as quoted in Reuters' Screen.

** Asian time closing rate as of June 20, 2007

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of June 21, 2007)

52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW	STOCK	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS							
17.5	5.2	Asiatrust Development Bank Inc.	12.5	12.75	12.25	12.25	156,700
71.5	30.5	Banco de Oro-EPCI Inc.	71	71	69.5	70.5	1,689,300
73.5	42.5	Bank of the Philippine Islands	72	72.5	72	72.5	4,659,500
935	630	China Banking Corp.	905	920	905	915	6,270
20	18.18	Citibank Savings Bank	19.75	19.75	19.75	19.75	400
0.63	0.36	Export and Industry Bank, Inc.	0.57	0.57	0.56	0.56	6,620,000
75.5	30.5	Metropolitan Bank and Trust Co.	74.5	75	74.5	75	5,366,700
62.5	32	Philippine National Bank	58	62.5	58	62	755,500
39.57	14.13	Philippine Bank of Communications	31	31	31	31	400
90	41	Rizal Commercial Banking Corp.	36.5	37	36.5	37	1,694,600
66	41	Security Bank Corp.	63	64.5	63	64	3,000
1.44	1.54	Union Bank of the Philippines	62.5	63.5	62	63.5	370,900
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS							
3.81	1.72	ATR Kmeing Financial Corp.	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.3	155,000
1.46	0.6	Bankard Inc.	1.26	1.3	1.24	1.28	1,764,000
11.25	1.5	CitiseOnline.com Inc.	11.25	11.25	10.75	11	2,440,900
8.8	3.5	Filipino Fund Inc.	7.2	8.8	7.2	8.8	30,000
1.04	0.4	First Abacus Financial Holdings Corp.	0.95	0.98	0.95	0.98	600,000
42	28	First Metro Investment Corp.	31.5	42	31.5	42	2,000
1,710.00	1,500.00	Manulife Financial Corp.	1,670.00	1,680.00	1,670.00	1,670.00	1,180
5	4.05	National Reinsurance Corp. of the Phils.	4.6	4.65	4.55	4.6	5,746,000
2.95	0.99	PCI Leasing and Finance Inc.	2.9	2.95	2.9	2.95	322,000
1,005.00	210	The Philippine Stock Exchange, Inc.	800	850	800	850	21,510
2,250.00	1,895.00	Sun Life Financial Inc.	2,110.00	2,110.00	2,110.00	2,110.00	2,710
1.94	1.16	Union Bank of the Philippines	1.86	1.92	1.84	1.86	6,737,000
ELECTRICITY, ENERGY, POWER & WATER							
67.5	41	First Gen Corp.	66.5	67	66.5	66.5	1,433,600
88	41	First Phil. Holdings Corp.	86	86.5	86	86.5	1,127,100
12.75	6.9	Manila Water Co. Inc.	12	12	11.25	11.5	11,144,300
102	13.75	Manila Electric Co. "A"	99	99.5	99	99.5	172,700
104	20.25	Manila Electric Co. "B"	100	102	100	100	1,130,550
6.8	4.1	PNOC Energy Development Corp.	5.6	5.7	5.5	5.6	13,984,000
5.8	3.4	Petron Corp.	5.4	5.8	5.4	5.7	39,726,000
2.5	1.8	Salcon Power Corp.	2.18	2.28	2.18	2.28	202,300
1.9	0.91	Trans-Asia Oil and Energy Dev't Corp.	1.64	1.66	1.62	1.62	1,426,000
FOOD, BEVERAGE & TOBACCO							
5.9	2.85	Alaska Milk Corp.	5.5	5.8	5.5	5.7	299,000
2.95	1.88	Alliance Tuna International Inc.	2.26	2.36	2.26	2.32	407,000
8	1.9	Central Azucarera De Tarlac	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	2,000
2.75	1.24	CADP Group Corp.	1.66	1.66	1.66	1.66	66,000
28.5	19.5	Ginebra San Miguel Inc.	26.5	26.5	26.5	26.5	10,000
61	30	Jollibee Foods Corp.	55.5	55.5	54.5	55	305,000
1.9	0.77	RFM Corp.	1.72	1.78	1.7	1.74	403,000
4.05	2.2	Roxas Holdings	2.42	2.44	2.42	2.42	33,000
80	61	San Miguel Corp. "A"	68.5	68.5	68.5	68.5	1,130,550
88	69.5	San Miguel Corp. "B"	75	75.5	74.5	75.5	30,700
4.3	2	Tanduay Holdings Inc.	4	4.2	4	4.2	202,300
22	15.75	Universal Robina Corp.	18.5	18.5	18.25	18.5	1,611,000
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5.8	1.15	EI Corp.	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.4	140,000
4.8	1.06	Fortune Cement Corp.	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	13,000
9.2	4.2	Holcim Philippines Inc.	8.3	8.5	8.3	8.5	803,000
7	1.2	Republic Cement Corp.	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.5	500,000
2	0.245	Southeast Asia Cement Holdings Inc.	1.78	1.8	1.76	1.8	16,112,000
CHEMICALS							
6.3	1.42	Chemrez Technologies Inc.	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.8	778,000
1.38	0.51	Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	1.3	1.38	1.3	1.38	1,120,000
DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS							
0.43	0.06	Picop Resources Inc.	0.35	0.39	0.35	0.37	49,299,000
HOLDING FIRMS							
3.9	1.7	A. Soriano Corp.	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.6	615,000
0.16	0.022	AJO net Holdings Inc.	0.14	0.16	0.14	0.155	298,480,000
1.22	0.16	APC Group Inc.	1.18	1.22	1.16	1.22	50,000,000
3.6	1.4	ATN Holdings Inc. "A"	2.7	2.85	2.7	2.7	20,502,000
3.3	1.48	ATN Holdings Inc. "B"	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	16,000
0.018	0.0065	Abacus Cons. Res. and Holdings Inc. "A"	0.013	0.013	0.012	0.013	261,000,000
0.019	0.0065	Abacus Cons. Res. and Holdings Inc. "B"	0.013	0.014	0.013	0.014	52,000,000
9.7	4.85	Abotiz Equity Ventures Inc.	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.8	3,358,000
0.017	0.0065	Alcorn Gold Resources Corp.	0.016	0.017	0.016	0.016	269,400,000
7.3	3.5	Alliance Global Group Inc.	6.2	6.3	6.1	6.3	47,137,000
1.32	0.47	Alsons Consolidated Resources Inc.	1.16	1.32	1.16	1.26	6,847,000
1.5	0.085	Asia Amalgamated Holdings Corp.	1.08	1.3	1.08	1.26	364,000
2.9	0.89	Anglo-Philippine Holdings Corp.	1.08	2.8	2.6	2.75	5,414,000
5.6	0.8	Anies Prime Resources Inc.	3.2	3.9	3.2	3.9	65,000
16	4.5	Atok-Big Wedge Co. Inc. "A"	14.75	15.5	14.75	15.25	6,800
590	272.92	Ayala Corp.	570	580	560	580	222,000
6.9	0.7	Baobas Resources and Holdings Co. Inc.	4.75	4.8	4.75	4.75	166,000
5.4	0.97	Benpres Holdings Corp.	5	5.2	5	5.1	3,389,000
9.8	3.25	DMCI Holdings Inc.	8.9	9	8.8	8.8	2,980,000
2	0.7	F and J Prince Holdings Corp. "A"	1.66	2	1.66	2	605,000
8	2.55	Fininvest Development Corp.	7.5	8	7.4	7.9	5,996,000
3.55	1.14	House of Investments Inc.	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1	475,000
14.5	5.3	JG Summit Holdings Inc.	11.75	12.5	11.75	12.25	1,810,500
0.8	0.185	MEDCO Holdings Inc.	0.65	0.8	0.65	0.77	6,920,000
0.88	0.1	Mabuhay Holdings Corp.	0.7	0.75	0.6	0.75	1,240,000
11.5	0.89	Magnum Holdings Inc.	10.5	11.25	10.25	11.25	8,282,100
5.4	1.2	Multitech Investments Corp.	3.8	3.8	3.75	3.75	227,000
0.035	0.009	PAL Holdings Inc.	0.031	0.035	0.031	0.034	278,300,000
0.74	0.16	Pacific Inc. "A"	0.64	0.74	0.64	0.7	35,250,000
1.9	1.2	Prime Orion Philippines Inc.	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	61,000
450	207	Republic Glass Holdings Corp.	432.5	432.5	430	432.5	171,610
2.2	0.69	SM Investments Corp.	1.76	1.76	1.74	1.74	570,000
0.73	0.115	Seafont Resources Corp.	0.63	0.67	0.63	0.66	49,170,000
1.06	0.51	Sinophil Corp.	0.9	0.94	0.9	0.93	650,000
2	0.8	Solid Group Inc.	2	2	2	2	17,000
0.75	0.08	Vivant Corp.	0.7	0.75	0.71	0.73	16,220,000
1.02	0.155	Wellux Industries Inc.	0.7	1.02	0.7	1.02	6,870,000
PROPERTY							
2.16	0.75	A Brown Co. Inc.	1.76	1.78	1.76	1.76	669,000
1.06	0.3	Araneta Properties Inc.	0.95	1.04	0.95	1	4,110,000
19.25	8.54	Ayala Land Inc.	18.5	18.5	18.25	18.5	23,922,000
1.8	0.99	Bella Corp.	1.74	1.8	1.74	1.78	10,606,000
4.7	1.8	Cebu Holdings Inc.	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	50,000
2	1.2	Cebu Property Venture and Dev't Corp. "A"	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	6,000
4.6	1.6	City and Land Developers Inc.	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	25,000
0.72	0.25	Crown Equities Inc.	0.68	0.71	0.67	0.69	14,900,000
0.79	0.165	Cyber Bay Corp.	0.68	0.7	0.68	0.7	40,900,000
3.25	0.72	Edsa Properties Holdings Inc.	3	3.25	3	3.1	1,800,000
0.99	0.44	Empire East Land Holdings Inc.	0.85	0.87	0.85	0.86	26,040,000
0.32	0.027	Ever Gossao Resources and Holdings Inc.	0.3	0.31	0.3	0.3	20,150,000
1.38	0.38	Fi-Estate Land Inc.	1.34	1.38	1.3	1.32	65,511,000
2.44	0.93	Fillinvest Land Inc.	2.34	2.44	2.28	2.4	98,052,000
3.3	2.16	Highlands Prime Inc.	3.1	3.15	3	3	1,205,000
0.016	0.0038	Interport Resources Corp. "A"	0.013	0.015	0.013	0.015	154,000,000
0.016	0.005	Interport Resources Corp. "B"	0.014	0.016	0.014	0.016	76,000,000
0.69	0.2	Kuok Phil. Properties Inc.	0.48	0.53	0.48	0.5	30,980,000
1.12	0.18	MRC Allied Industries Inc.	1.08	1.12	1.02	1.04	54,273,000
4.4	1.26	Megaworld Corp.	4.1	4.15	4.05	4.15	5,080,000
6.4	1.5	Metro Pacific Investments Corp.	4.35	4.5	4.35	4.5	168,000
0.69	0.1	Phil. Estates Corp.	0.64	0.69	0.64	0.69	36,880,000

The Love Diet

By Ernesto M. Ordoñez

IN THEIR BOOK "THE LOVE DIET," Dan Mahony and Martha Brassil wrote about the link between love and diet: "Even before we were born, we were simultaneously loved and fed as we floated in our mother's wombs. After birth, we were held and gently rocked as our food and emotional needs continued to be simultaneously satisfied."

Unfortunately, as we grow older, the link between food and emotional needs often disappears. Instead of choosing food that supports our emotional needs, we choose food that makes us feel worse.

For example, when we feel sad or rejected, we take too much alcohol, or indulge in too many sweets, to forget our problems.

This harms our health, which in turn further contributes to our

emotional problems. Thus starts a vicious cycle that is far from the love diet we were on when we were still in our mother's wombs.

It is said that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. With the convening of the new Congress, it is hoped that passing the bill decreasing the cost of medicine will finally be passed.

While addressing the "cure" portion of health, we must also give equal attention to the "prevention" part by promoting love diets.

The former can be done by legislation; the latter, by education. This education must then be supplemented by the production and marketing of the foods included in this diet.

VHS or DVD-style replication

The important element that should be explained in the educa-

tion portion of the love diet is the value of antioxidants.

The current health buzzword "antioxidant" means to stop oxidizing.

The word "oxidize" means to chemically change a molecule by stealing one or more of its electrons, thus breaking chemical bonds. When a cellular molecule is oxidized, it is changed or mutated.

The things that oxidize our body's molecules include numerous chemical compounds we breathe, eat and drink. We call them "free radicals" or "toxins." We can imagine oxidation as something like bullets being fired at ourselves.

If one such bullet reaches the DNA, which contains the genetic codes guiding our replacement cells, the new cells will be useless. It is like copying a VHS video tape. The quality of each successive copy

of this tape becomes worse until eventually the copies are useless.

But when we take antioxidants that guard against the oxidation, the DNA is preserved. Just like a DVD with perfect copies, the replication of cells with the antioxidants acting as bodyguards will ensure successive cell replication because the DNA remains intact.

Various antioxidants

There are numerous types of antioxidants.

Vitamin C, Vitamin E, selenium, and pycnogenol are among the most powerful ones.

Beans are recognized for having the most powerful antioxidants. Other fruits and vegetables are also considered powerful antioxidants because of their Vitamin C content.

At right is a table from the Food and Nutrition Institute that shows the Vitamin C content of selected fruits and vegetables.

We must go beyond education to production and marketing to complete the love diet cycle.

Once we have identified the best elements in the love diet, there should be focused production and marketing plan for this diet to be extensively used.

Today, there is a project called "Promotion of Indigenous Vegetables for Poverty Alleviation of Rural Household." It advocates the intake of vegetables with antioxidant properties.

It is coordinated by Department of Agriculture's (DA's) Bureau of Agriculture Research in collaboration with the DA regional offices, the National Nutrition Council and the local government units (LGUs).

Conclusion

Agriculture Secretary Arthur Yap is asking the new Congress

THE LOVE DIET/B8



FRUITS	Vitamin C (g/100g edible portion)
Guava (red and white)	158
Kamatsili	143
Mango	(unripe) 70 (ripe) 46
VEGETABLES	
Malunggay leaves	(raw) 231 (boiled) 53
Malunggay tree pod	(raw) 196 (boiled) 72
Alugbati leaves	(raw) 89 (boiled) 53

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INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

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ITEM NO.	PARTICULARS	QUANTITY
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LOT-IV	LINE HARDWARES (Assorted)	Per bill of materials

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BAC Activities	Venue	Date
1. Preparation of Bid Documents		July 20-22, 2007
2. Publication of Invitation to Bid		June 23, 2007 (1 st) June 30, 2007 (2 nd)
3. Submission of Letters of Intent	Marawi City	July 02, 2007
4. Pre-Bid Conference	Marawi City	July 03, 2007
5. Opening of bids	Marawi City	July 04, 2007
6. For IBID Info and Appropriate Action	Marawi City	July 05, 2007
7. Awards	Marawi City	July 06, 2007
8. First Delivery of Materials	Marawi City	July 16, 2007
9. Second Delivery of Materials	Marawi City	Aug. 16, 2007
10. Third Delivery of Materials	Marawi City	Sept. 16, 2007

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(Sgd.) COL. TATAR M. BORIONGAN, GSC (RET)
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(Sgd.) BALIAMEN P. MAMAINTE, MNSA, CESO III
General Manager
(PDI - June 22 & 29, 2007)

SAMAR STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

San Jorge, Samar

NOTICE OF SEARCH FOR PRESIDENT

The Board of Trustees of Samar State College of Agriculture and Forestry (SSCAF), San Jorge, Samar formally and publicly announces that the Search for Presidency of the SSCAF is NOW OPEN.

Minimum Personal Qualifications:

1. Preferably be at least thirty five (35) years old but not more than sixty (60) years old on the date of the application for the position.
2. Must be Filipino citizen.
3. Must be a holder of an earned Doctoral degree.
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5. Must possess leadership in school administration and managerial skills within the purview of the needs, thrusts, goals and objective of the state college/university.
6. Must have a good moral character.
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Note: Qualified applicants are requested to submit the following:

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2. Curriculum Vitae with authenticated/certified supporting documents.
3. Applicant's Proposed Vision, Mission, and Thrusts for the College.
4. Neuro-psychiatric Examination Result accomplished by a government physician as recommended by the Search Committee.
5. Medical Certificate of Physical Fitness issued by a government physician from a reputable medical center.
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b. Civil Service Commission
c. National Bureau of Investigation
d. Institution of Origin
7. Accomplished CSC Form 212, under oath
8. Statement of Assets and Liabilities of Year 2006

Important: Interested applicants must send the above mentioned documentary requirements in seven (7) sets/copies on or before July 26, 2007 to either of the following:

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Peacefully joined our Lord on June 19, 2007 at the age of 63.

His loving wife Wally; children Darwin and Doris, Melvin and Ruth, Erwin and Ruchiell, Roscel, Marvin and Aldrin; grandchildren Mico, Alyssa, Jae, Lance and Erin; sister Zosima; brother Mario, and all relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Loyola Memorial Chapels, Guadalupe, Makati City.

Interment will be on June 24, 2007 at Himlayang Pilipino, Tandang Sora, Q.C. after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

OBITUARIES

ANTONIO RAMÓN ORTIGAS y MIRANDA

7 July 1944 – 20 June 2007

His wife Maritoni, children Marga, Inés, Cristina and Antón, brother Mickey, sisters Ana and Belí, his brothers- and sisters-in-law, nephews and nieces, and other relatives, would like to thank all those who supported him through his final days, and request prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains are in the Capilla de la Virgen, Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park, Makati, and will be brought to the crypt at St. James the Great Parish in Ayala Alabang tomorrow, 23 June, after the 10 a.m. Mass.

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Iglesia de Malate 7:00 A.M.
Iglesia de St. Francis, Mandaluyong 7:00 A.M.
Iglesia de San Antonio, V.O.T. Sampaloc 6:15 A.M.
Iglesia de Lourdes, Quezon City 6:30 A.M.
Della Strada Parish, La Vista, Q.C. 6:00 P.M.

Se ruega a cuantos lo conocieron que ofrezcan una oracion por el eterno descanso de su alma.

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Mr. Antonio M. Ortigas

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on June 20, 2007 at the age of 62.*

His bereaved wife, Ma. Antonia C. Ortigas
& children: Ma. Margarita, Ma. Ines,
Ma. Cristina & Anton Vicente,
request the pious readers to pray
for the eternal repose
of his soul.

His remains lie in state
at the Santuario de San Antonio,
Forbes Park, Makati City.

Villar's Vista Land IPO gets SEC nod

Real estate developer to raise about P13.2B from share sale

By Daxim L. Lucas

CORPORATE REGULATORS HAVE APPROVED the initial public offering (IPO) of Vista Land & Lifescapes Inc.—the corporate successor of real estate developer C&P Homes Inc.—which would raise for the company fresh funds for its planned high-rise condominium projects.

Documents from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) showed that Vista Land plans to sell up to 2.12 billion new shares as part of its primary offer.

Another 1.265 billion shares will be sold by existing shareholders Fine Properties Inc., Polar Property Holdings Corp. and Adelfa Properties Inc.

The SEC gave its approval for an offer of as much as 3.89 billion primary and secondary shares.

The selling shareholders have also granted the company's underwriters a so-called "green shoe option" to sell up to 507.75 million more Vista Land shares in case international buyers want more shares.

The shares will be priced anywhere between P3.00 and P10.00 a share.

Assuming a median price of P6.50 apiece, the net proceeds from the primary portion of the IPO would amount to approximately P13.2 billion.

The company would allocate 2.708 billion primary and secondary shares for international buyers, while 677 million primary and secondary shares will

be offered to domestic investors.

The IPO shares, including the secondary offer and the green shoe option, are equivalent to 45.8 percent of Vista Land's post-offering capital.

Vista Land has appointed UBS Investment Bank as sole global coordinator and bookrunner with ABN Amro Rothschild as co-lead manager while BDO Capital and Investment Corp. will be the lead domestic underwriter.

The company will use the proceeds to finance capital expenditures this year and in 2008 amounting to P7.166 billion, settle loans worth P5.21 billion and set aside P800 million for operational working capital.

The capital expenditures would allow Vista Land to expand its operations and strengthen its market position.

It intends to expand its housing operations in the provinces in a bid to double its geographic reach in the next two years.

Earlier, Vista Land president Jing Serrano said that the firm planned to expand its role in inner city and vertical developments with an initial P10-billion investment, while enhancing existing projects by putting up community centers and establishing business process outsourcing operations.

The firm has 1,434 hectares of raw land, of which approximately 1,185 hectares were acquired directly and about 249 hectares under joint venture agreements with land owners.

Reyes calls on Filipinos to fight climate change

By Amy R. Remo

ENVIRONMENT SECRETARY ANGELO T. Reyes has expressed optimism that the Philippines would be able to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Reyes said that through reforestation, solid waste recycling and mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions, the country can spare itself from the worse effects of global warming.

This is contingent, however, on Filipinos taking concrete steps to avert the environmental crisis.

Reyes said that the Philippines was "very much at risk," particularly its agriculture and fishery sectors.

Being an archipelago, the country has a lot of low-lying areas and islands which are in danger of being wiped out by rising tides, Reyes added.

"The phenomenon could also wreak havoc on areas that are susceptible to flooding, mudslides and landslides because the Philippines is also a country of steep slopes and rugged mountains," he said.

Reyes added that global temperature was expected to rise by six degrees Fahrenheit in the next 50 to 100 years.

"Water level is also expected to rise from six inches to two feet during

this period," Reyes said.

According to Reyes, these effects of global warming were real and irreversible if not acted upon by citizens around the world.

Citing former US Vice President Al Gore's critically acclaimed documentary on the worsening state of the global environment due to climate change, Reyes said the crisis could be especially harmful to the Philippines because it would gravely affect coastal and marine resources and consequently, the country's food supply.

In the Oscar-winning film, Gore enumerated places in the different continents including the Pacific where global warming has brought destruction.

He predicted that the biggest devastation could come in the next 50 to 100 years.

Reyes cited the Green Army Network Foundation for its support to the government's campaign against environmental destruction.

The Green Army Network Foundation is a coalition of communities, private sector, nongovernment and public organizations and volunteer organizations that banded together to protect, preserve and restore the country's environment.

Philam scouts for investment opportunities

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE PHILAM GROUP OF COMPANIES IS looking for opportunities in long-term investments like infrastructure projects to help the country in its efforts to lure more foreign investors.

Martin J. Sullivan, president and chief executive of Philam's parent-firm American International Group, also said the Philam group would continue to be engaged in equities and other fixed-income investments.

"We want to see this great country catch up and experience the same growth of other Southeast Asian economies," Sullivan said.

Sullivan was guest of honor in yesterday's joint membership meeting of the Makati Business Club, American Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines, Financial Executive Institute of the Philippines, Management Association of the Philippines, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the US-Asean Business Council (USABC).

The US-based executive, who also chairs the USABC, said the Philippines should strive to attract companies that are committed to its economic growth as well as those who prefer to hire locally.

"(These companies) must have a long-term vision and commitment to the market," he said. "They also need to be appreciative and understand the culture of (this country)."

AIG and Philamlife themselves have invested in infrastructure, such as the \$75 million poured into the Skyway project; \$30 million in the power sector through First Philippine Holdings and Bauang Power; as well as other investments by long-term loans to local telecommunications firms.

Philamlife also invested \$9 million in cement firm Bacnotan Consolidated and \$10 million into SPI Technologies which was used to develop eTelecare Global Solutions.

Also yesterday, Philamlife officially turned over to MBC, Amcham and MAP a P5-million grant to the three groups' Promoting English Proficiency program.

The Philamlife-PEP project would train some 6,600 teachers and students from universities across the country through computer-aided English language instruction.

Sullivan is visiting the country mainly to take part in the celebration of Philamlife's 60th anniversary.

MWCI gets loan to finance capex program

MANILA WATER CO. HAS SIGNED AN agreement with the European Investment Bank for a 60-million euro guaranteed term loan, which would be used to fund the company's capital investment programs.

The Luxembourg-based EIB is the financing arm of the European Union which focuses on cooperation and development programs to Asian countries, like the Philippines.

In a statement to the Philippine Stock Exchange, Manila Water said the EIB loan would help finance Manila Water's P30-billion capital expenditure program to improve and expand water and wastewater services in the next five years.

Manila Water president Antonino T. Aquino said in a statement that a large part of the funds would be used to extend the water network to the high growth areas of the eastern part of Metro Manila, particularly in Antipolo, San Mateo, Rodriguez, Cainta, Taytay and Angono.

Francisco de Paula Coelho, EIB director for Asia and Latin America, emphasized the importance of EIB financing for the water sector.

"The EIB financing will help improve the quality of the water supply service in the East Zone of Manila as well as the management of the existing water resources by upgrading and extending the existing facilities and by reducing losses," he said.

The loan has a tenor of 10 years and is arranged by the ING Bank, with Development Bank of Singapore (DBS) and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp. acting as co-arrangers. Amy R. Remo

The Love Diet

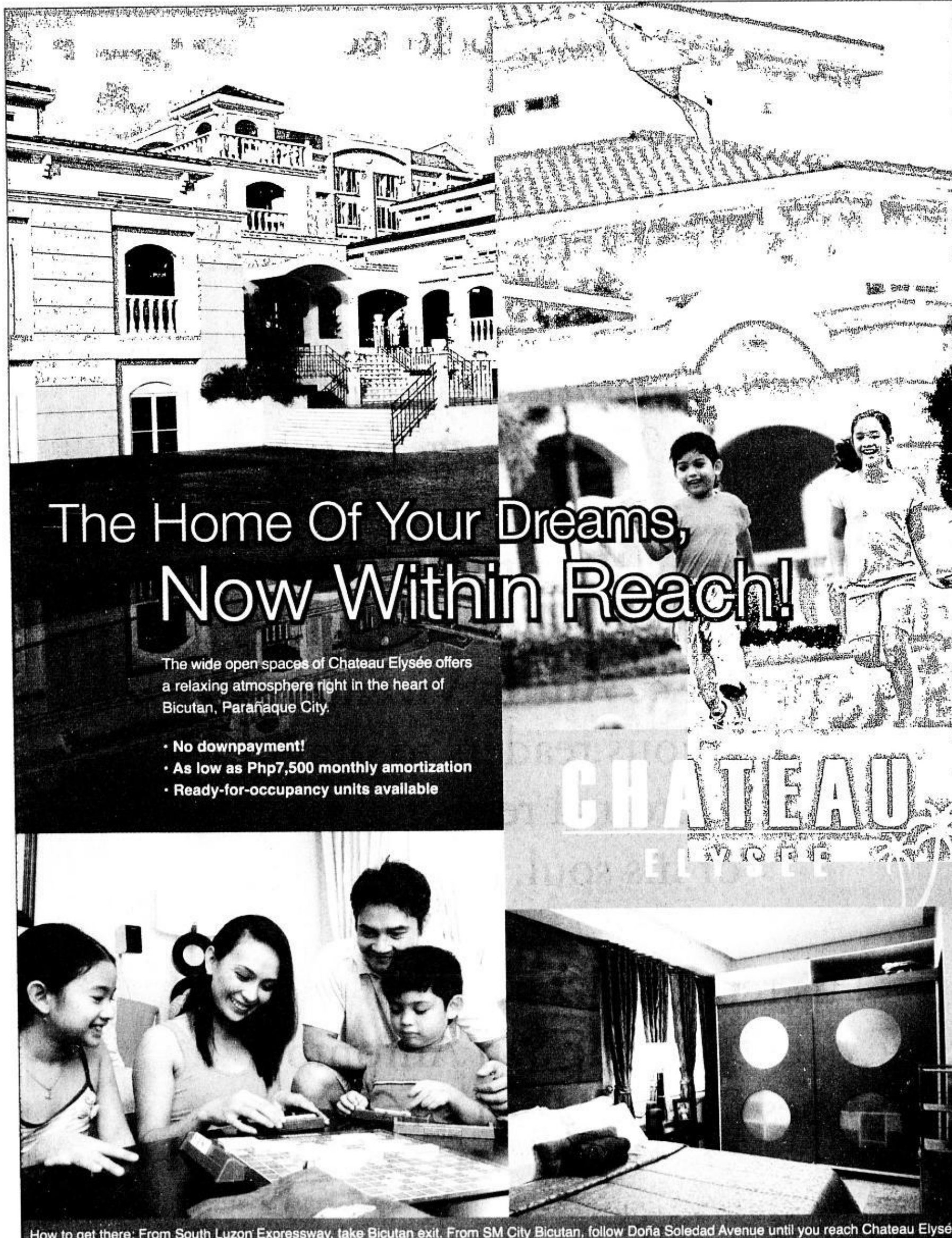
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for a 2008 budget of P32.7 billion. This is an increase of P13.4 billion, or approximately 70 percent, over last year. Secretary Yap's proposal should be fully supported, provided that the right programs are identified and properly implemented.

Once such program, which promotes a diet rich in antioxidants, has been identified here: This diet will once again complement our emotional needs with the right food, just like when we were simultaneously loved and fed in our mother's womb and immediately after birth.

Hopefully, this will be propagated throughout our nation with a much larger DA budget. In this way, the preponderance of junk food we see today will be increasingly replaced by love diets, which will take us back to our much healthier beginnings.

(The author is the chair of Agriwatch, former Cabinet secretary for Presidential Flagship Programs and Projects, and former undersecretary for agriculture, and trade and industry. For inquiries and suggestions, e-mail agriwatchphil@yahoo.com or telefax (02) 8522112.)



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SM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

ATI, Harbour Centre, Metro Pac vie for Manila North Harbor

By Riza T. Olchondra

PORT OPERATORS ASIAN TERMINALS Inc. (ATI) and Harbour Centre Port Terminal Inc. (HCPTI), as well as property developer Metro Pacific Investments Corp., are among the six prospective bidders seeking a 25-year concession to manage and operate the Manila North Harbor under the Philippine Ports Authority's (PPA) own charter. Asian Terminals operates container terminals at Manila's South Harbor.

HCPTI operates the multi-purpose port terminal at the Manila port district's Manila Harbour Centre. Metro Pacific is a conglomerate engaging in property development and is majority owned by Hong Kong-listed First Pacific Co. Ltd.

A PPA source said ATI, HCPTI and Metro Pacific attended Wednesday's pre-bidding conference. Other prospective bidders were Pier 8 Arrastre and Stevedoring Services Inc., Prudential Customs Brokerage Services Inc., and National Marine Corp.

PPA is bidding out the development, management, operation and maintenance of the country's biggest and busiest seaport for domestic cargo and passenger traffic, including container terminal, general cargo terminal and passenger terminal complex.

The next step for the six companies is to submit documents to the PPA proving their eligibility before July 2.

The first requirement is for the bidders to be Filipino citizens. Firms, corporations, partnerships, as well as joint ventures, must

be owned and controlled by Filipino citizens. They must also show that they are financially and technically capable of handling the concession.

The initial term of the contract is 25 years, renewable for another 25 years.

All the companies declared eligible by PPA may then get further information and buy a complete set of bidding documents for a nonrefundable fee of P50,000, with the value-added tax excluded.

The documents will be available from

July 18 to October 5, on which day PPA will conduct a pre-bid conference and start accepting bids.

PPA said that "all bids must be accompanied by a bid security." These may be in the form of cash, certified check, cashier's check, bank draft or irrevocable letter of credit amounting to more than P68 million; bank guarantee worth more than P102 million; or a surety bond of over P170 million.

Qualified bids will be opened on Oct. 17 at the Port Area in Manila.

Car parts makers seek larger role

By Ronnel W. Domingo

PHILIPPINE AUTO parts makers want to have a larger role in the assembly of vehicles by providing more locally produced parts to be used in the brand new units assembled here.

Industry players have already taken the essential first step when they agreed to develop low-priced vehicles to accommodate lower income groups.

Eddie Jose, president of the Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturers Association of the Philippines, said the recent announcement of the Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines Inc. that it was planning a program for the "CC+ market segment" was "exactly what we hoped to achieve when we conceptualized our Philippine Utility Vehicle (PhUV) project."

On Monday, Campi president Elizabeth H. Lee said the group wanted to tap the lower middle income market in a bid to push sales to the pre-Asian financial crisis levels when it reached some 160,000 units.

MVPMAP wants to produce a home-grown Asian utility vehicle out of completely knocked-down kits.

Locally made parts would account for much of the vehicle's structure, thus, making it ideal "for the C and D market," said Jose.

"Campi's move (toward the same goal) is welcome news to us parts makers," he said.

Jose said that in 1996, 141,000 vehicles sold or 87 percent of total sales that year were assembled locally from CKD kits.

"Last year, only about 55.3 percent of vehicle sold were assembled from CKD kits and this year, so far, the number is even lower at 46.6 percent," he added.

Jose said that should Campi members develop vehicles for the C market, this would be a welcome respite for some 50,000 workers dependent on the auto parts industry whose companies are reeling from the impact of reduced orders.

Jose said that the local auto parts industry hoped to be revitalized with Campi's initiative and MVPMAP's PhUV project.

"Lately, we have noted that developing countries have been propping up their auto industry by developing budget vehicles," he said.



BASKET CASE

A man and his wife put the finishing touches on a handwoven basket that they have made and will peddle in Iloilo City.

ARNOLD ALMACENINQUIRER VISAYAS

APC mulls public offer for mine operations

By Daxim L. Lucas

APC GROUP INC., A LISTED HOLDING firm controlled by Belle Corp., is open to the possibility of raising fresh funds from the stock market to fuel its foray in the mining industry.

Belle vice chairman and APC Group president Willy Ocier yesterday told reporters that, while such a plan is "not immediate," raising fresh capital from a public offering is not a remote possibility.

APC Group owns APC Mining Corp. which, in turn, owns the rights to approximately 30,000 hectares of land potentially rich in nickel, gold and copper deposits.

"Mining is a capital intensive business so we're always looking at opportunities for listing," Ocier said.

Earlier, APC Mining Corp. filed for an exploration permit with the Department

of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to start a nickel mining project in Davao Oriental.

The mine exploration area, straddling 380 hectares, is reported to have nickel deposits of up to 675 million metric tons. The deposits are said to be 1.21 percent nickel grade.

So far, APC Mining has filed for 12 exploration permits for the provinces of Zambales, Misamis Oriental, Palawan and Mindoro Occidental, bringing its aggregate exploration area for nickel and chromite to 29,118 hectares.

As soon as it confirms the commercial viability of a mineral field, APC Mining will immediately seek a mineral production sharing agreement with the DENR.

Ocier said the bulk of the firm's mining claims cover areas believed to be rich in nickel, the price of which has been skyrocketing in recent years due to strong demand from the booming

economies of China and India.

Ocier estimates that as much as 80 percent of the company's claims cover nickel-rich sites, with the balance potentially holding gold and copper deposits.

"The numbers are still being evaluated," he said. "Each [site] will be studied for its resources."

Company officials stressed that APC's funding requirements are being met by its receivables discounting operations with banks, adding that the company's aim is to have as little debt as possible.

Meanwhile, Ocier clarified that APC would not sell its interests in money-losing Philippine Global Communications (Philcom), but would instead allow itself to be diluted to a minority stake.

He said the firm is now in discussion with its creditors for a debt-to-equity swap that would see APC's holdings in Philcom fall to "less than 20 percent" from its present level of 99 percent.

Banks' capital adequacy fell in Q4 of 2006

THE BANKING SECTOR'S CAPITAL adequacy ratio (CAR)—a major factor that determines its degree of solvency—dropped in the fourth quarter of 2006 but nonetheless stayed well above the critical level as defined by the central bank.

The banking system's average CAR stood at 16.85 percent at the end of 2006, falling from the 17.35 percent recorded in the third quarter of the same year. The figures reflect only the capitalization adequacy of head offices of banks and their branches.

If the solvency of the banks, together with their nonbank subsidiaries were taken into account, the CAR would stand at 18.13 percent in the three months to December last year. This marked a drop from the 18.64 percent recorded in the third quarter.

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas re-

quires banks to maintain a CAR of at least 10 percent. Any bank falling below the minimum would be directed to infuse capital to meet the requirement.

CAR is the ratio between a bank's capital and its risk-weighted assets.

"The slight decline in CARs of the banking system resulted from the faster growth in risk-weighted assets relative to the increase in the system's total qualifying capital," the BSP said in a statement.

A report from the BSP said that the banking sector's capital rose quarter-on-quarter by 3.5 percent to P433.8 billion. On the other hand, its risk-weighted assets grew 6.5 percent to P2.58 trillion.

If nonbank subsidiaries were included, capital would rise by 3.4 percent to P505 billion. The amount of risk-weighted assets rose by 6.4 percent to P2.79 trillion.

Broken down into types of banks, the CAR of universal and commercial banks, excluding their nonbank subsidiaries, settled at 17.04 percent from the previous quarter's 17.45 percent.

The CAR of universal and commercial banks was a result of the P377.1 billion worth of capital and the P2.21 trillion worth of assets.

Thrift banks posted a CAR of 16.03 percent from the 17.22 percent recorded the previous quarter. This was a result of the P39.3 billion in capital and P245 billion in risk-weighted assets.

Finally, rural banks recorded a CAR of 14.8 percent, falling from the 15.73 percent registered as of end-September. This was a result of the P17.8 billion worth of capital and P117.5 billion worth of risk-weighted assets.

Michelle V. Remo



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	PROPERTY LOCATION	TYPE	FLOOR AREA	LOT AREA	SELLING PRICE	REMARKS
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1	L42 B26 ACM Woodstock Homes, Ph.3, Alapan, Imus Cavite	House & Lot	36.15	36	247,500.00	Vacant
2	L24 B12 ACM Woodstock Homes, Ph.1, Alapan, Imus Cavite	House & Lot	36.15	36	290,400.00	Vacant
3	L34 B4 Regency Executive Townhomes, Malinta, Dasmarinas Cavite	House & Lot	48	50	572,000.00	Illegally Occupied
4	L23 B9 Cityhomes Resortville, Ph.4, Linaoan, Dasmarinas Cavite	House & Lot	24	38	195,800.00	Vacant
7	L24 B5 Regency Executive Townhomes, Malinta, Dasmarinas Cavite	House & Lot	48	50	572,000.00	Vacant
8	L16 B16 Cherryhomes Subd., Ph.2, Mambog, Bacoor Cavite	House & Lot	36	38	281,600.00	Illegally Occupied
9	L30 B4 South Garden Homes, Salitan, Dasmarinas Cavite	House & Lot	42	42	291,600.00	Illegally Occupied
10	L30 B9 Armstrong Village, Paliparan, Dasmarinas Cavite	House & Lot	20	38	159,500.00	Vacant
11	L45 B12 Regency Executive Townhomes, Malinta, Dasmarinas Cavite	House & Lot	48	50	572,000.00	Vacant
12	L39 B3 Regency Executive Townhomes, Malinta, Dasmarinas Cavite	House & Lot	48	50	572,000.00	Vacant
13	L14 B1 Cherry Homes, Ph.2, Mambog, Bacoor Cavite	House & Lot	36	38	330,000.00	Illegally Occupied
14	L49 B9 Regency Executive Townhomes, Malinta, Dasmarinas Cavite	House & Lot	48	50	572,000.00	Illegally Occupied
15	L30 B76 Cityhomes Resortville, Ph.3, Linaoan, Dasmarinas Cavite	House & Lot	30	47.5	242,000.00	Illegally Occupied
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(PDI-June 22, 2007)

Exports seen to post 2-digit growth in '07

BSP: Trade sector still on track to attain 11% growth target

By Michelle V. Remo

THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS still expects the country's exports to post a double-digit growth this year, saying that global demand for electronics may pick up in the second half.

BSP Deputy Governor Diwa Guinigundo said in a press briefing that, based on estimates by the country's electronics manufacturers, demand for their products would rise substantially in the second half, keeping the export sector on track to attain the 11-percent growth target for this year.

In January to April, average year-on-year growth in exports stood at only 8.1 percent to \$16.296 billion due to the lower-than-expected rise in demand for electronics, the country's major export product. In April alone, exports grew by only 5 percent to \$4.11 billion.

Electronics account for over 60 percent of total export revenues.

The lower-than-expected exports growth as of the first four months of the year was blamed partly on slowdown in the economy of the United States, the Philippines' top export market.

"We expect a pickup in demand for electronics in the second half based on prognosis ... of the Semiconductor and Electronics Industries of the Philippines Inc.," Guinigundo told reporters.

He also said there was an anti-

ipated increase in global demand for mineral products, as proven by the increase in production by mining firms. India and China accounted for much of the rising demand in the world market.

The government has set a growth target of 11 percent this year, citing factors like anticipated increase in demand by European and Asian markets for consumer electronics, such as laptop computers and new cellular phone models.

The government's economic managers said that the growth would be realistic despite the projected slowdown in the US economy, saying that, although it was still the top market, its share in the total export earnings of the Philippines was shrinking. They said the Philippines' export market is becoming more and more diversified.

Guinigundo said that an exports growth of 11 percent, plus other factors resulting in surge in dollar inflows, would help the country attain a surplus in its balance of payment position of between \$2.4 billion and \$2.9 billion.

In January to May, BOP had hit a surplus of \$2.365 billion, rising by 31 percent from the \$1.81 billion recorded in the same five-month period last year.

BOF which is a record of a country's transactions with the rest of the world, is the difference between the amount of foreign currencies flowing in and out of a country.



Project Reference No. 2007-117

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID (IAEB)

The Department of Tourism (DOT) through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites Phil-GEPS registered suppliers / manufacturers / distributors / contractors / service providers to apply for eligibility and to bid for the hereunder project:

Name of Project : DOT Information Technology (IT) Project

Project Description : Supply, Delivery, Setup and Installation of the following:

- Lot I - Materials for Data Center, IT Office and Related Components ABC = P18.5M
- Lot II - Network Equipment System ABC = P7M
- Lot III - Servers and Workstations for Network and Information Systems ABC = P8.56M
- Lot IV - Full E1 Internet Connection Via Fiber Optics, ABC = P1.1M
- Lot V - Enterprise Network Anti-Virus with Firewall, Anti-Spyware, Anti-Spam and Anti-Phishing (500 licenses) ABC = P95,000.00
- Lot VI - Enterprise Patch Management and Vulnerability Assessment (500 licenses) ABC = P300,000.00

Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) = P36,410,000.00

Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking a similar project within the last three (3) years with an amount of at least 50% of the proposed project for bidding, and have key personnel and equipment (owned, leased or under purchase) available for the execution of the project. The criteria to be used by BAC in the eligibility check of prospective bidders shall be a non-discretionary "pass/fail" basis. As such, non-submission of any of the eligibility requirements will result in the disqualification of prospective bidders. Post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference(s), Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

The complete schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

Activities	Schedule
1. Issuance of Bid Documents	25-29 June 2007 (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) Rm. 314, 3rd Floor DOT Bldg., T.M. Kalaw, Ermita, Manila
2. Pre-bid Conference	3 July 2007, 2:00 p.m. DOT Auditorium 4th Floor, DOT Bldg., T.M. Kalaw, Ermita, Manila
3. Submission of Eligibility Requirements, Technical and Financial Proposals	Until 1:00 p.m. only, 17 July 2007 Rm. 314, 3rd Flr. DOT Bldg., T.M. Kalaw, Ermita, Manila
4. Opening of Bids (includes eligibility checks)	17 July, 2:00 p.m. DOT Auditorium, 4th Floor DOT Bldg., T.M. Kalaw, Ermita, Manila

Complete sets of Eligibility Requirements and Bid Documents may be obtained at the BAC Secretariat c/o Florencio Capali Jr., Rm. 314, DOT Bldg., T.M. Kalaw St., Ermita, Manila (tel. nos. 524-1680 and 524-1742) upon payment of non-refundable fee of P10,000.00 for Lot I, P7,000 for Lot II, P8,000 for Lot III, P1,000 for Lot IV, P500 for Lot V and P500 for Lot VI. Immediately after the pre-bid conference, bidders may start site inspection deemed necessary to help them with their bids. Eligibility requirements and bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes addressed to the BAC Chairman.

The Department of Tourism reserves the right to reject any or all bids, declare a Failure of Bidding at any time prior to the contract award, or not to award the contract, without thereby incurring any liability, and make no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of the bidding. Likewise, the Department of Tourism may waive any minor defect therein and accept the offer most advantageous to the government. Further, the Department of Tourism assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of the bid.

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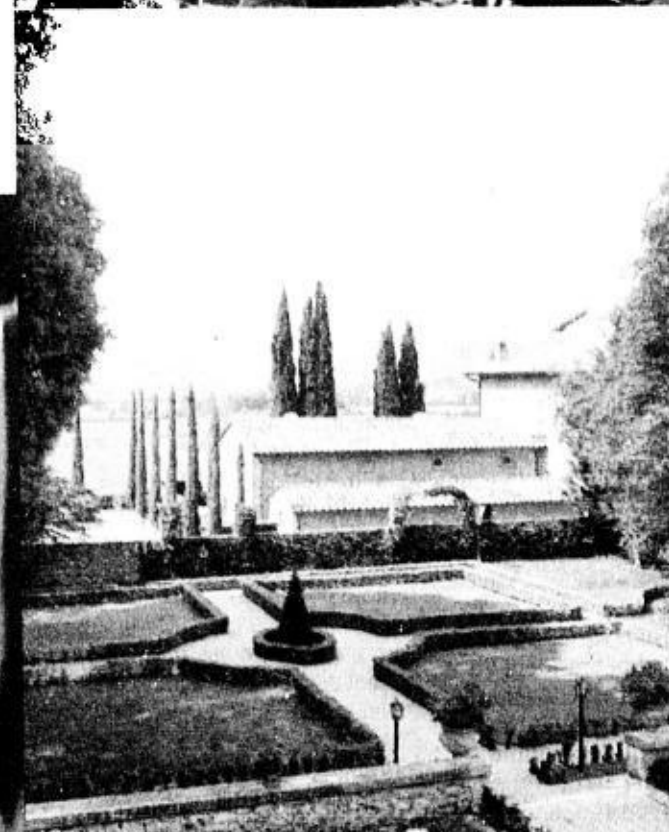
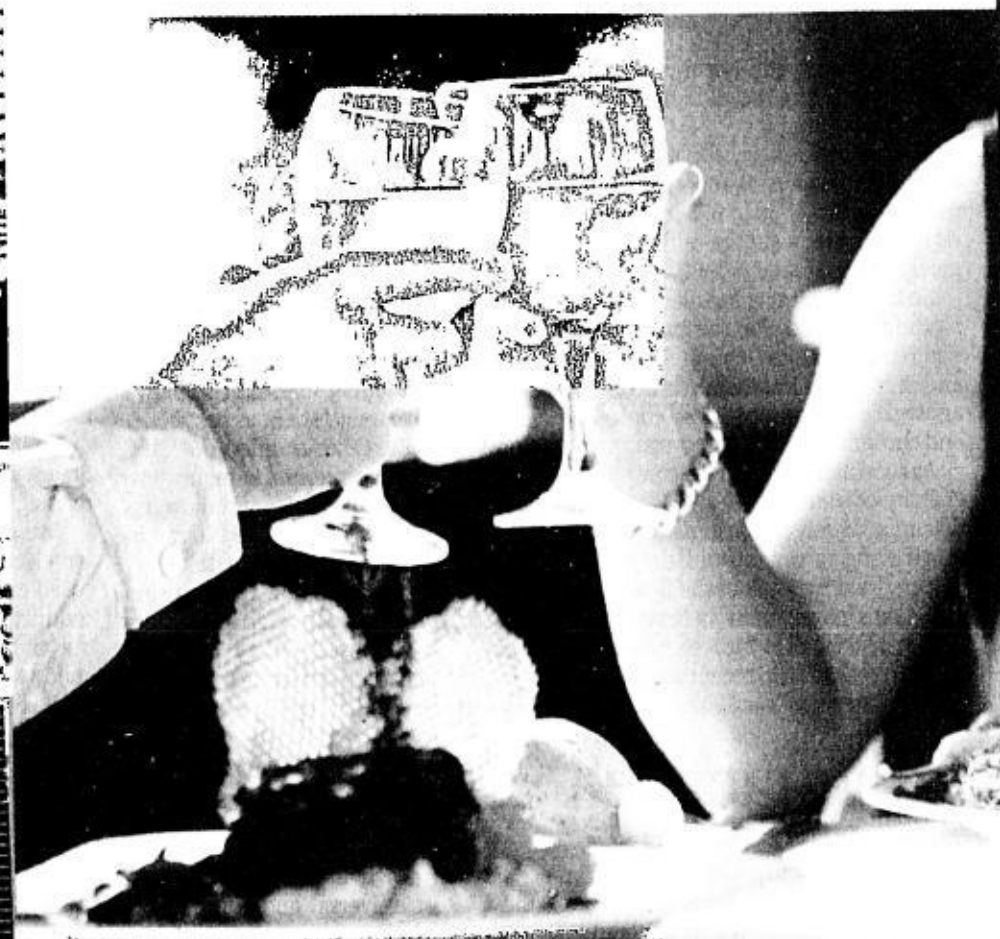
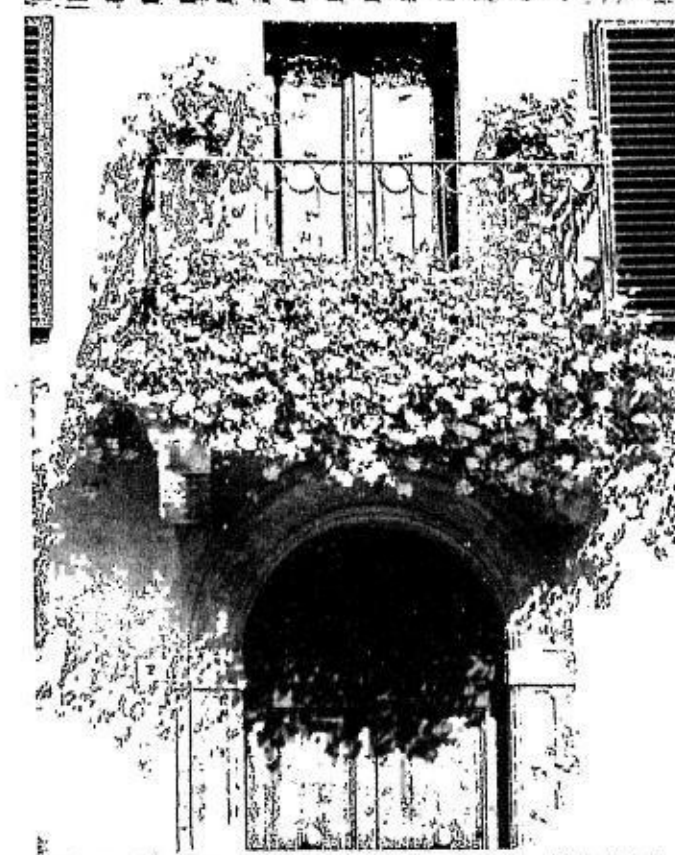
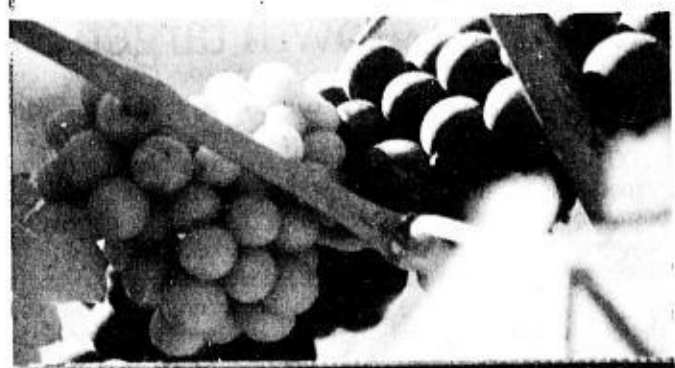
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Where advertising money is going

Mobile has biggest potential for digital ad spend in RP

By Marlet D. Salazar

IN THREE YEARS' TIME, ABOUT 30 percent of the digital advertising budget of businesses in some parts of Asia will be spent on search marketing, according to Barney Loehnis, network director for the Asia Pacific of Isobar, a media communications company.

However, Loehnis feels this is not so in the Philippines, with a relatively low Internet penetration, and online marketing still catching up with its Asian neighbors. However, he pointed out that mobile has the biggest potential for digital advertising. "Mobile is king here, without a doubt," he said during a presentation to the media of the company's prospects for this year in digital advertising.

Search (engine) marketing or SEM is becoming an effective tool to reach out to prospective consumers. For websites to have an assured presence on the top searches by Internet users, they resort to SEM or simply put Internet marketing. Search should be a component of every bit of communication, according to Loehnis. "It's really at the heart of how we use the Internet."

Loehnis said Isobar is still looking at increasing the digital advertising spending on SEM in the Philippines. Isobar is a global digital marketing services network. Its links in the Philippines are MediaForce Vizeum and Carat Philippines.

SEM is just one of the key trends Loehnis said would define digital advertising this year.

Social networking sites like MySpace and Friendster is broadening its reach. These sites have created a digital community where people of the same interests gather. Where people are, that's where the brands should be. But the more people get digitally connected, the less they want to be distracted posing a greater challenge for brand marketers.

"The critical thing for brands is to figure out what is their relevance to these people," Loehnis said.

He is quick to note that even if digital marketing is picking up with most online users, it has to know where to draw the line between advertising and spam.

User generated content (UGC) would become even more prominent and diverse, and its invading mobile is not far

fetched. The arrival of YouTube in the digital space allowed consumers to gain even more control.

"It just adds a little bit of dimension to paranoia to any UGC," he said. "I think quite a lot of advertisers and brands are quite reluctant to move into the digital space because they fear they are losing control."

Loehnis thinks that the thing to learn about that is, "First, they are already out of control, and second, it is much better to develop that relationship with consumers at an early stage to learn what is appropriate and what is not because that will help you better manage your business going forward."

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Ads invade the gaming universe

By Abigail L. Ho

IN AN AGE WHEN MOST PEOPLE HAVE the attention span of a goldfish (or around nine seconds), companies have to jostle each other hard to grab a share of consumers' very carefully allocated budgets. And advertising is one of the weapons of choice of companies hard-pressed to sell their products and services.

Everyday, consumers are bombarded with ads coming from all directions: a person is subjected to about 3,000 messages a day.

It was hard to miss the in-movie FedEx ads in "Castaway"—lead actor Tom Hanks was a FedEx employee. Not to be outdone, DHL screamed out its presence in the Tom Cruise action flick "Mission Impossible 3."

Advertisers have also invaded the small screen, going beyond the commercial gaps and now selling their wares within popular TV shows.

Online advertising has also started to gain ground, with companies trumpeting their new offerings in oft-visited websites and even in much-read blogs.

Now another advertising avenue has opened—one that boasts an audience that is as captive as captive can get: online games.

Incorporated into games

Jane Cruz-Walker, president and chief executive of gaming company Level Up, says "in-game ads" are featured in all of its titles, which include the multi-player online role-playing game (MMORPG) Ragnarok.

These ads are no ordinary ads, she says, as these are all made to look as if they're actually a part of the game—customized to suit the setting and the overall theme of each game title.

"Ads can come in the form of a game character wearing something branded or branded products that players can use within the game," she says.

Level Up marketing director Jake San Diego says that for Coca-Cola, for example, players can buy a can of Coke—just like any other potion in the game—to boost their health and strength. These soda cans are available in Ragnarok-themed Coke vending machines within the game.

Coke even went as far as giving away as under-the-crown prices one-day unlimited game cards for Level Up titles.

San Diego says any company can come out with in-game ads. They don't even have to worry about coming up with concepts that can be incorporated into each game title as Level Up will do that for them.

Niche advertising

The good thing about in-game ads, Cruz-Walker says, is that these are very targeted. Unlike TV, radio, print and billboards, companies can go directly to their target market with such ads.

Level Up claims it has 13.8 million registered users for all of its titles as of end-April.

Since advertisers, more often than not, will want to target only Philippine-based consumers, Level Up's games are also a good avenue for marketing as the local in-game ads will only be in the company's Philippine servers—which means these ads will only be available to gamers based in the country.

The gaming firm is very clear on its target audience—most of its gamers are the youth and the young professionals.

Companies that have placed in-game ads with Level Up include Jollibee, Boy Bawang and Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co.

Need to educate

Since advertising within online games is still a relatively new concept locally, Cruz-Walker says there is a need to educate advertisers about the value of in-game advertising.

Level Up started to be aggressive in



FOR STREET basketball game Freestyle Online, Coke logos are emblazoned all over the court.

the in-game advertising space just late last year, although it had been doing company ad tie-ups since 2004.

"At first we just wanted these ads to offset our costs for our on-ground events, but then we saw that this was a good model for advertising. We could even be the next TV network. So we explored with developers what could be done and how ads could be incorporated into our games," San Diego relates.

During the 2005 Ad Congress in Cebu, Level Up chief operating officer Ben Colayco gave a talk on "new media" such as online games as a new avenue for ads.

"This yielded a lot of positive returns," San Diego says, adding how this

has helped Level Up educate people about the wonders of in-game advertising.

"It's slowly being acknowledged that online support is also needed by companies and not just traditional advertising."

Huge potential

Effective as they already are, Cruz-Walker says in-game ads can yield even better results when the Philippine gaming market expands more.

"We're still such a small market because online gaming is heavily reliant on infrastructure. Broadband penetration is just at 1 percent. But there's so much po-

tential in the Philippine market. We just need to get more support from the government," she says.

"Look at what gaming did to Korea's economy. Because the Korean government saw the potential of gaming, they gave full support for anything gaming—end-to-end. Now the gaming industry there contributes a lot to their economy," she relates.

But Level Up is not just going to sit around and wait until the government realizes what a cash cow the gaming industry can be, San Diego says, as the company sees growing the industry as one of its responsibilities as the country's leading online game publisher.

Lowe Manila hires new ECD

AWARD-WINNING EXECUTIVE Creative Director Steve Clay is set to join Lowe Manila. Originally from Toronto, Canada, Clay has held senior positions in Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Sri Lanka and the Middle East.

He joins Lowe Manila on July 1, 2007 from Y&R Singapore, where he was Regional Creative Director, Asia-Pacific. While there, he handled major international accounts including ABN-Amro, Accenture and Caltex.

As ECD at Publicis Malaysia, he landed the agency its first ever local, regional and international awards. Over 40 accolades were won at D&AD, Cannes, CLIO, One Show, AdFest, MC2 and the Kancils.



STEVE Clay

Commenting on Clay's appointment, Lowe Manila's CEO Mariles Gustilo said, "We are delighted to have attracted an ECD of such international caliber as Steve to the agency. His kind of talent and experience suits our mix of regional and local blue chip accounts and will no doubt fuel our drive for creative excellence."

Internet, mobile marketers set RP meet

INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL Internet and mobile marketing giants will flock to Manila for the 1st Internet and Mobile Marketing Summit at the Hotel Intercontinental, Makati City, on August 9-10.

The two-day summit is spearheaded by the Internet and Mobile Marketing Association of the Philippines (IMMAP), the premier marketing association for Internet and mobile organizations.

The summit promises to be one of this year's biggest marketing events as international movers Nokia, Yahoo! Asia Pacific, Euro, Dentsu and Isobar join forces with local industry leaders Global Wireless Connections, Yehey, IPVG, and Globe Telecom Inc., according to IMMAP.

With "Global Trends for an Interactive Philippines" as the theme, IMMAP invited the world's forward-thinking and competitive minds to speak about powerful campaign strategies and techniques for Internet and mobile marketing as well as interconnection, integration and innovation in the industry.

Speakers include Tom Sipple, managing director of Yahoo! Southeast Asia; George Gallate, CEO of Euro RSCG; Aileen Apolo, country consultant for Google Philippines; Yota Mitsunobu, chief consultant of Dentsu's Interactive Communications Division; Donald Lim, CEO of Yehey; Anders Kager, regional marketing manager of Nokia Networks; Bob

Maher, chief technology officer of Isobar, a digital media agency; Ferdinand de la Cruz, head of the Wireless Business Group of Globe; Arthur Policarpio, CEO of Global Wireless Connections, Inc., a mobile marketing agency; Enrique Gonzalez, CEO of IPVG, an online gaming company.

The Internet and Mobile Marketing Summit 2007 will also be the launching ground for the Boomerang Awards, the first and only awards that give recognition to the most creative and innovative Internet and mobile campaigns that made their mark in the country.

Internet and mobile campaigns launched in the Philippines between January 2005 and March 2007 are qualified for the competition. The Boomerang Awards is open to the public.

Launched in November 2006, IMMAP comprises more than 50 member-companies aiming to elevate the status of Internet and mobile as marketing tools.

Internet users in the Philippines number around 9 million and mobile phone users 40 million. Together, they make up almost 60 percent of the total population, indicating a wealth of opportunity for using these digital media for effective marketing.

Other details on the summit and exhibit can be obtained from Fiera de Manila, Inc. (tel. 896-0639, 896-0637; e-mail fiera@info.com.ph, and website www.interactivessummit.com.ph).

What do people want online? More advice from Jay Levinson

MARKETINGRx CONTINUES TO HOST Jay Conrad Levinson, best-selling author of the Guerrilla Marketing book series (more than 14 million copies sold) as our guest columnist. We'll be featuring his columns every other week until August 2007.

It's not what you think it is. Instead, it's wanting to accomplish something.

What people want online is a question marketing guerrillas ask themselves a lot. Whether it's for fun or work or something else, understanding a consumer's motives once he or she logs on is a necessity. But the experts don't seem to agree on what people want. Some folks see the web as a vast, new field for advertising messages, assuming that while people may want to do something else, if we can entice them with flash, we can sort of trick them into paying attention to our products and services.

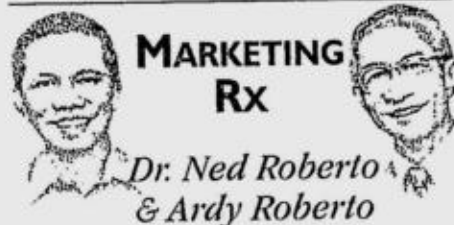
Guess what. That's not going to happen.

Other folks seem to subscribe to the notion that people online are looking for entertainment on the Internet and therefore they construct messages aimed at persuading while playing. And, in other cases, the time-honored direct-response model wins out: Grab people when you can, get 'em to take an action, and then market, market, market. The answer may be that the consumer has and wants a lot more control than we give him/her credit for.

Today, webmasters are in control. Sort of. In a perfect cyberworld, people will be in control. Sort of.

Two recent studies shed light upon this dilemma. One was conducted by Zatz. The other was conducted by the Pew Research Center. Zatz and Pew. Those guys didn't spend much time reading "how-to-name-your-company" books, I guess. Still, both of their studies illuminated the answer as to what people want to do online.

The answer, as most answers, is very utilitarian: People want to accomplish something online. They're not aimless surfers hoping to discover a cybertreasure. Instead, the average Net user turns out to be a goal-oriented person interested in finding infor-



mation and communicating with others—in doing something he or she set out to do.

Look at the Zatz study. "A View of the 21st Century News Consumer" looked at people's news reading habits on the web. It revealed that reading and getting news was the most popular online activity after e-mail. The guerrilla thinks, "That means e-mail is number one. How might I capitalize on that?"

One out of three respondents reported that they read news online every day, with their interests expanding geographically—local news was of the most interest, US news the least.

Personalization was seen as a benefit, too. Seventy-five percent of respondents said that they wanted news on demand and nearly two out of three wanted personalized news. The subjects surveyed liked the idea that they, not some media outlet, controlled the news they saw. They feel they're better equipped to select what they want to see than a professional editor. Again, control seems to be the issue. Again, guerrillas think of ways to market by putting the prospect in control.

The Pew Research Center study revealed that regular Net users were more connected with their friends and family than those who didn't use the Internet on a regular basis.

Almost two-thirds of the 3,500 respondents said they felt that e-mail brought them closer to family and friends—significant when combined with the fact that 91 percent of them used e-mail on a regular basis. That's 91 percent. It took VCRs 25

years to achieve such market penetration.

What did people in this study seem to be doing online when they weren't doing e-mail? Half were going online regularly to purchase products and services, and nearly 75 percent were going online to search for information about their hobbies or purchases they were planning to make. Sixty-four percent of respondents visited travel sites, and 62 percent visited weather-related sites. Over half did educational research, and 54 percent were hunting for data about health and medicine.

A surprising 47 percent regularly visited government websites, and 38 percent researched job opportunities. Instant messaging was used by 45 percent of these users, and a third of them played games online. Even with all the hype in the media, only 12 percent said they traded stocks online.

What does this mean to e-marketers? It means that if you're constructing a site for goal-oriented consumers, you'd better make sure you can help facilitate their seeking. Rather than focus on entertainment, flash, and useless splash screens, the most effective sites are those that help people get the information they want when they need it. Straightforward data, information that invites comparison, and straight talk are going to win the day.

A client buddy of mine showed me his website which heralds his retail location and attempts to set nothing online. He said it has been the biggest moneymaker in the history of his 35-year old company. Then he apologized for its lack of glitter and special effects. He asked how his site could be so successful even though it lacked anything to add razzmatazz and dippydazzle.

Now, you know the answer. Jay Conrad Levinson is the author of the bestselling marketing series in history, "Guerrilla Marketing," plus 30 other books which have sold 14 million copies worldwide in 41 languages.

E-mail Jay Levinson your questions or comments to MarketingRx@pldtDSL.net. God bless!

Where advertising money is going

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gaged in online games, advertising cannot be that far behind. "The virtual persona is really what matters nowadays," he said. "It is how well you represent yourself in the digital space."

There is a vast opportunity for advertisers to reach out to its target market. "If a brand can sort of help someone feel better about himself/herself better, people are going to welcome that brand."

Getting your message across is a challenge but spreading that message sets an even greater challenge. Amplification or drawing in the power of word of mouth to create an online buzz.

"What is really important to understand is

how you enable to echo your message around," Loehnis said. "That is exactly the notion that's driven by amplification."

YouTube has created a perfect channel for people to express their creative side. It has become a source of entertainment and the perfect example of "consumers in control." Loehnis explains that in other areas in the world, "when kids want to watch a video they are not talking about DVD, they mean YouTube and similar sites." They can search what they want and watch it when they want.

"The critical thing is how we not polarize digital and traditional," he said.

He takes as an example the newspapers having "an incredible community of readers

to it; it is a one-way conversation and always has been." These days, newspapers, TV, even radios are creating digital footprints. "The natural development for those media business is to invent themselves in the digital space," he said.

Although the infrastructure and broadband penetration is slow, "Isobar is trying to design our businesses for the future when we have a clear understanding of what our chances are going to be. We are spending a lot of time understanding how future is going to change."

Isobar is part of Aegis Media, created in 2003 as a specialist group concentrating on digital marketing network. Its global network operates in 83 offices focusing on 36 markets.

Pinoys can cash in on foreigner's love for crochet

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

MASS PRODUCTION IS ONE OF the best things that ever happened to hobbyists like Lilli de Leon, owner of the Dreams Yarnshoppe in Glorietta, Makati City.

Because global clothing factories produce shirts, skirts and all kinds of apparel that look very much alike, discriminating customers are hankering for that bit of accent or touch that will make their clothes different from the rest.

One of the easiest ways to add that unique element is to incorporate the art of crochet.

Crochet is defined as a way of making items out of wool, using fingers and a needle, which has a small hook at the end.

The inexpensive crochet needle comes in different sizes to match different types of yarn.

Crochet is an art form that was almost mandatory for girls to learn in the 1940s to the 1970s, but has fallen from favor in the 1980s until demand for crocheted items has encouraged more people to learn the lost art.

De Leon tells Business Friday that aside from fashion considerations, crochet and knitting are enjoying greater popularity these days, particularly in the United States, because Americans are yearning for a bygone era when life was much easier.

Crochet usually calls to mind occasions when family members used to sit around the living room with crocheted blankets covering their feet or runners decorating their center tables.

De Leon adds that patterns and yarns available in the market to-

They pay good price for anything done by hand

day allow hobbyists to do more with crochet than just make the usual doilies or table runners.

These days, crochet can be used to make bags, pillows, shawls and belts. Crochet is also making it big as beach wear and even fashion accessories.

Crochet touches are also appearing on skirts, pants, jackets and even hats to accentuate the hemline, the pockets or vests, again because of the thirst for individuality.

De Leon says the Philippines has definitely caught on the crochet trend, and this spells a business opportunity for those who either already know how to crochet or are willing to pick up a needle and learn the basic chain stitch.

"It appeals to the market because crochet is no longer seen as out of fashion. With the vintage look so popular these days, there is room for crochet," De Leon says.

She says Filipinos have a chance to cash in on the foreign markets' desire for crochet because Westerners often do not have the time to crochet themselves. They would rather just buy finished items.

In contrast, De Leon says that Filipinos have the natural facility



LILLI de Leon with her yarns

for crochet because they are good with their hands and have more time on their hands.

It is also a craft that can be easily picked up and can be done at home, which makes it ideal for homemakers or those looking for an extra source of income.

"There is a village in Laguna that is really earning from crochet. They fulfill many orders for export, and they do it from their homes," she says.

De Leon, however, says that while it is easy to learn the basics of crochet, it will take a lot of time and practice before the finished items reach that level of quality sought by the foreign markets.

But it is never too late to start, she says, because she expects the demand for crocheted items to continue rising.

For those who decide to give

crochet a try, De Leon suggests that they start off with small items, such as cell phone cases and coasters, just to get a hang of following patterns and doing the different stitches.

From there, they can move on to bigger items such as shirts, shawls, vests, short jackets and bonnets, which are also in great demand in Europe.

"In the industrialized countries, anything hand done is very much appreciated and sold at good prices," she says.

Given the prospects, De Leon believes it is a good time as any to pick up those crochet needles and start making that first coaster.

Crochet, she says, is a handy skill if only to jazz up one's own clothes. But as hobbyists like De Leon have shown, it can be valuable and profitable talent, too.



REAL ESTATE boom boosts sales of bed linen.

Bed and bath concept now a market segment

CECILIA LIM, DIVISIONAL MANAGER FOR Sheridan, a brand managed by FJ Benjamin (Singapore) Pte. Ltd., says the bed-and-bath concept is fast becoming a lifestyle trend globally, popular mostly among couples, singles, real-estate developers, interior designers.

"It is for this reason that we envision growth for Sheridan in the country," avers Cecilia.

FJ Benjamin, was responsible in building big brands like Guess, Gap, Gucci and Banana Republic for Asian markets.

"We have De Luxe, our high-end collection of linens of up to 1000 thread count for the mature and sophisticated buyer. Next is the White Collection for those who opt for the minimalist look. Signature for those who prefer traditional classics. Coast for the young and hip. Junior for the kids and lastly we have the Essential Collection which is a basic line of linens and bath towels in solid colors.

Under its Essential Range, Sheridan has just introduced linens made of Supima cotton, which is different from the usual Egyptian cotton in other brands. Supima is from the US and less than one percent of the cotton worldwide can be labeled as such. Lim continued, "Sheridan has secured the rights to use Supima cotton and carry the name Supima in its products for a specific period."

She says ever since Sheridan was introduced in the country through Victoria Linens Corp., 11 years ago, it has already gained awareness despite a limited market. Its main branch is in the Shangri-La Plaza Mall but can be found in selected Rustan's Department stores.

Ivy Tan, Victoria Linens Corp. manager, says that they have thrived in the past 11 years despite severe economic downtrends, and the high price that the Sheridan product commands.

Admittedly, Tan says that it is the brand's high price point that may not appeal too much to the average Filipino.

But one growth area for Sheridan, Tan says, is the real estate market, which is currently in the upswing, and of course, the OFWs, who have the buying power because of their foreign-currency earnings; and with their exposure abroad, they know the good-name brands available in the market.

Despite the envisioned growth, Tan believes the local market remains a challenging one. Foremost concern is the buying habits of Filipinos, with majority still opting to go bargain-hunting. "We really need to educate them that durable products, though a bit higher-priced, would eventually prove to be more cost-effective in the long run and they could actually save more," Tan says.

Tan adds their priority in building the brand in the Philippines would be to study the preference patterns and buying habits of Filipinos. "Sheridan studies its market well, including preferences for specific designs. We regularly give them feedback on what products sell well for the Philippine market. For instance, Filipino buyers, unlike their Asian counterparts, prefer lighter colored linens in white and beige than in reds and aubergines. And our bed sizes are bigger. Sheridan's research and development department will then continue to come up with designs that would appeal to buyers and as long as the demand merits it."

Sheridan is Australia's number one brand in bed linens. It was acquired by Pacific Brands in November 2005. Pacific Brands is a leading manager of consumer brands in Australia and markets brands like Bonds, Dunlop, Hush Puppies, Slazenger, Sleepmaker and, now, Sheridan.

Learn to grow your sari-sari store

THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMY SEEMS on the path to growth with a first quarter gross domestic product 6.9 percent. Overseas Filipino workers' remittances continue to pour in.

Many small-scale entrepreneurs, sari-sari stores and carinderias can benefit from these developments. Along with hotels and restaurants for the increased inflow of tourists, Pilipinas Makro Inc. has initiated a program to help these groups maximize the opportunities of the economic recovery.

Makro will be hosting the biggest trade fair of the year for hotel and restaurant services, professionals, caterers, as well as sari-sari store and carinderia owners. The Makro Extravaganza 2007 aims to be the avenue for small-scale industries to learn, interact and acquire the necessary skills and products to grow their businesses.

The Makro Extravaganza 2007, on June 28 to 30 at the World Trade Center seeks to bring together Makro members and potential members in business to strengthen relationships, impart knowledge and help improve their business operations and profitability, through talks, demonstrations and workshops. It also aims to create business alliances and opportunities. Prospective attendees are estimated to be around 20,000 members and potential members. The top 10 customers from the Visayas and Mindanao regions will be flown in to Manila as guests of Makro to ensure that they enjoy the full benefits from this experience and to reward them for their loyalty to Makro.

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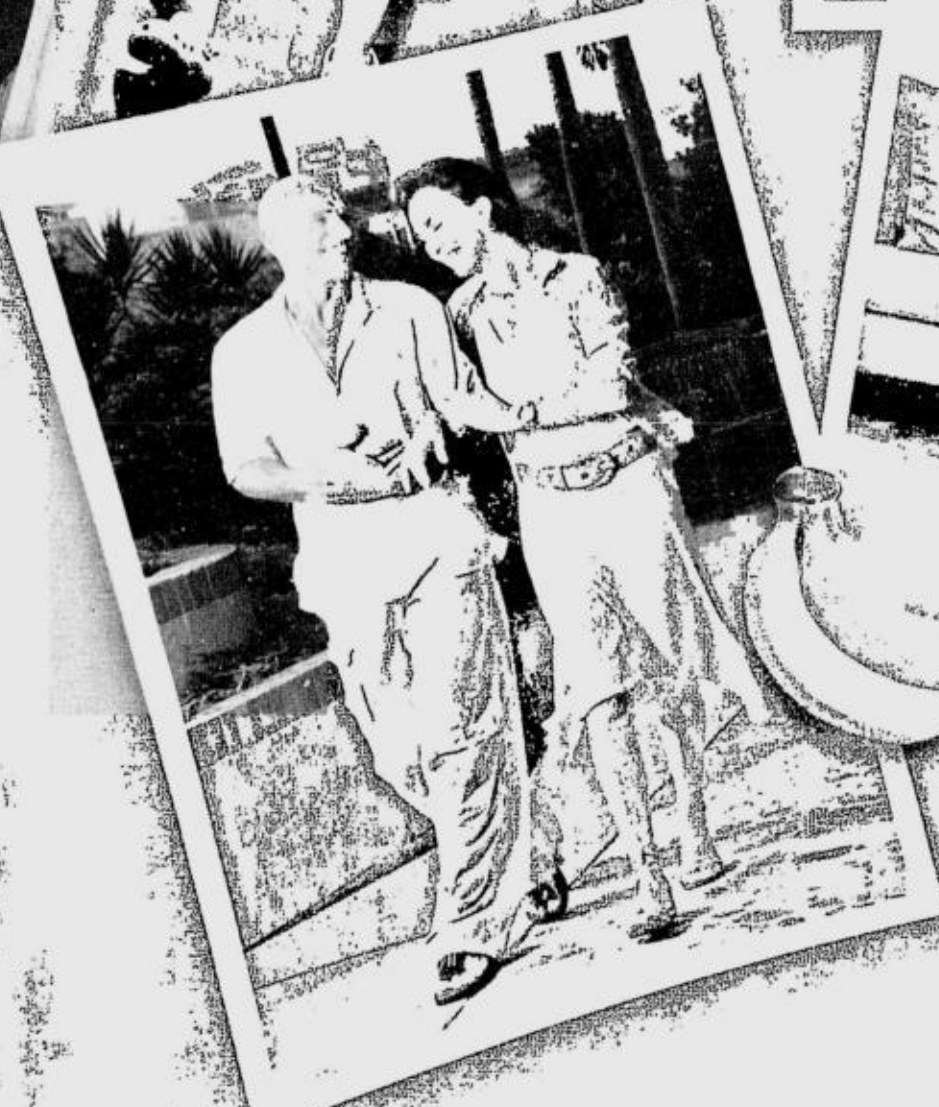
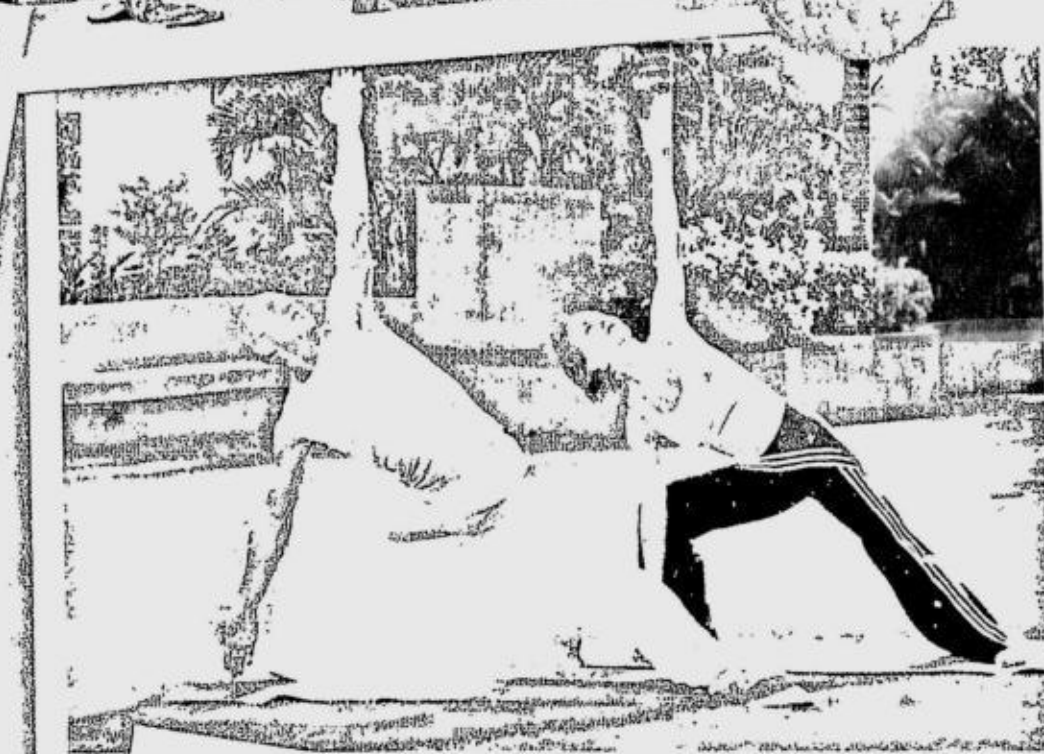
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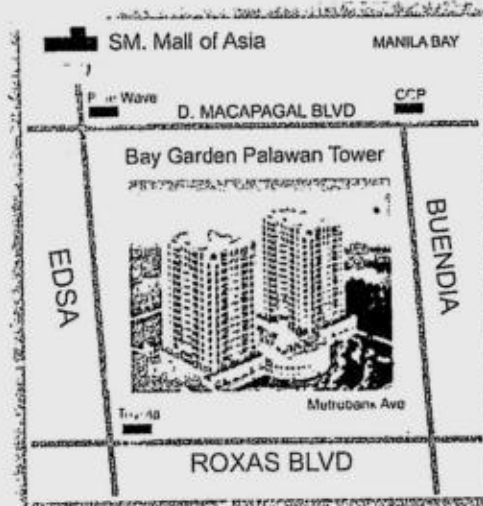


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Fashion loses Italy's pride

ONE REGRET I HAVE WAS that when we were in Milan in the '90s and visited the showroom/distributor of Gianfranco Ferre, the Italian couturier couldn't be there because he was out of town. It would have been an opportunity for us to meet one of the era's fashion legends.

Ferre died Sunday night in a Milan hospital, from brain hemorrhage, at 62.

This Sunday he was supposed to have held his fashion house's menswear show. According to Women's Wear Daily, the show is pushing through even if IT Holding, which owns the Ferre fashion house, is "still grieving," and in the thick of funeral arrangements. (Last we read, fashion greats Armani, Valentino and Versace were at his funeral in a church in Legnano, a small town and his birthplace in Milan.)

Ferre was among the Italian designers who put Milan or Italy at the peak of world fashion in the '80s and '90s, the others being Versace (who died 10 years ago, in July) and Armani.

Ferre gave Italy the utmost honor when in 1989, he was named creative director of Dior, the French fashion institution—a move that stirred the fashion/luxury industries. He succeeded Marc Bohan who had held that distinction for 30 years.

Ferre being an architect, his distinction as a designer rested on his moorings in architecture, culture and classic art. It was a mastery that showed in his silhouettes, constructions and tailoring. He was known for his exaggerated touches such as cuffs, collars, ruffles in neat tailored structures.

But his were collections that also got mixed reviews. WWD recalls particularly what the International Herald Tribune's Suzy Menkes wrote in 1993: "...Ferre would never be a great couture designer..."

Not absolutely right, apparently. The Ferre fashion house flourished even after he left Dior in 1996, and Ferre went on to become a global brand with lines of accessories, fragrances and home items.

Like Dior, his other passion—food—hastened his death. A portly man, he suffered from diabetes and had had strokes.

Quality weekends

Weekend quality time is getting to be the best lifestyle buy that more and more property developers are pitching.

A real weekend is hard to come by, when there's so much work to do and a two-day weekend isn't always possible. Quality time is even harder to come by.

Alby Xerez-Burgos, Landco's senior vice president for sales and marketing, is such a good trendspotter that he gave us an interesting insight over lunch: "More and more there's nothing to do in Metro Manila on weekends because it's so congested. People need to spend weekend quality time with their family, with themselves. They want to go out of town, yet aren't willing to drive more than two-and-a-half hours away."

A new property development is evolving in answer to this lifestyle shift: out-of-town weekend properties or destinations that provide families with an array of activities, including extreme sports.

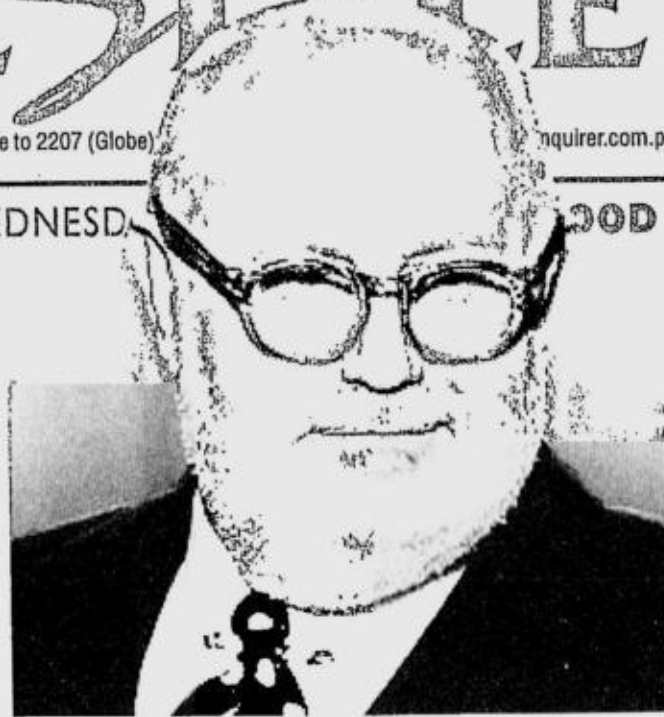
A new lifestyle market is surfacing, according to Xerez-Burgos: "They're successful professionals, executives, entrepreneurs between 35 and 45 years old."

And women are usually the decision makers: "They're the influencers. They want to get

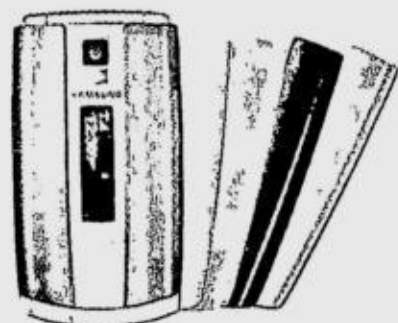
their husbands out of the office, on weekends at least, to spend more time with them and the kids."

Still more interesting, these women seem to prefer weekend getaways with no "cellsites" so

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Ferre comes from the triumvirate that put Milan at the peak of the industry in the '80s and '90s



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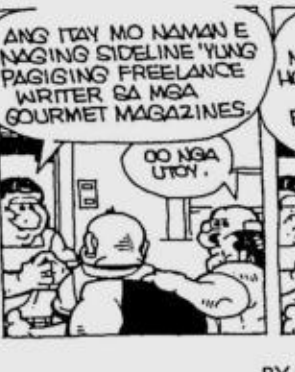
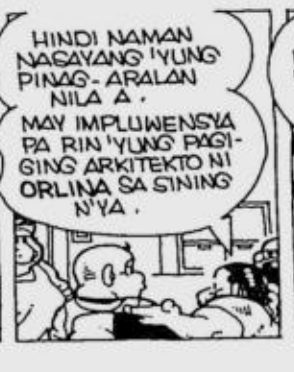
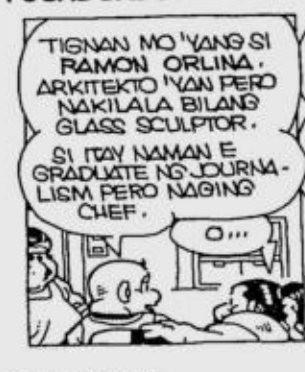
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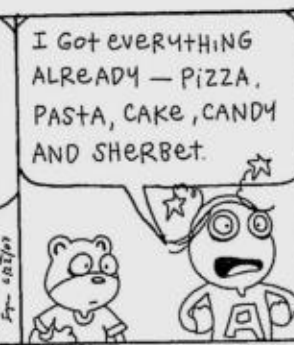
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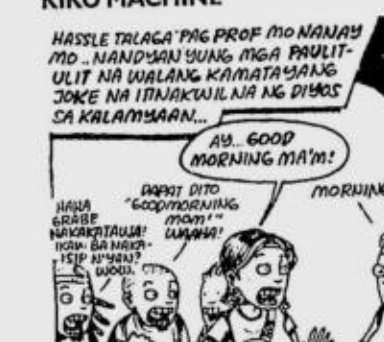


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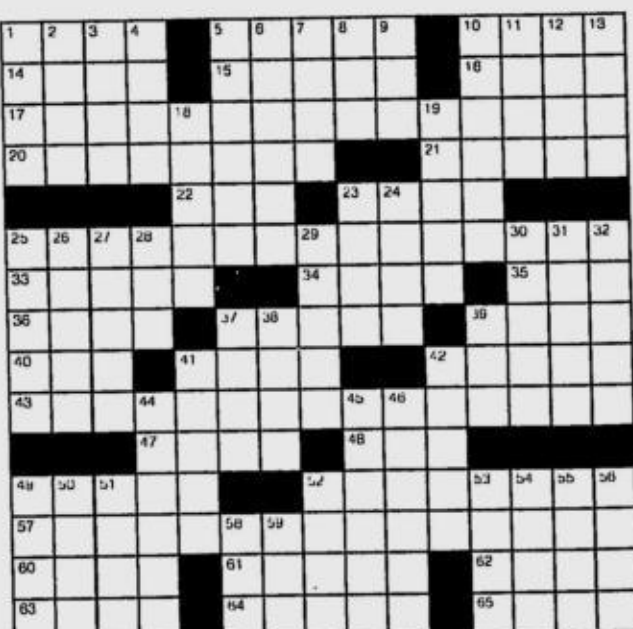


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Chicago, IL

Thursday's Puzzle Solved



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HOROSCOPE

YOU BORN TODAY: You're a romantic. Life is an adventure that must be explored. Because you have a wonderful imagination, many of you work in the arts or bring a creative viewpoint to whatever you do. You become strongly emotionally involved with others. (Nothing is just halfway.) In the coming year, new opportunities and new roads will open up. Time for something new!
Birthdate of: Meryl Streep, actress; Dan Brown, author; Carson Daly, TV personality.

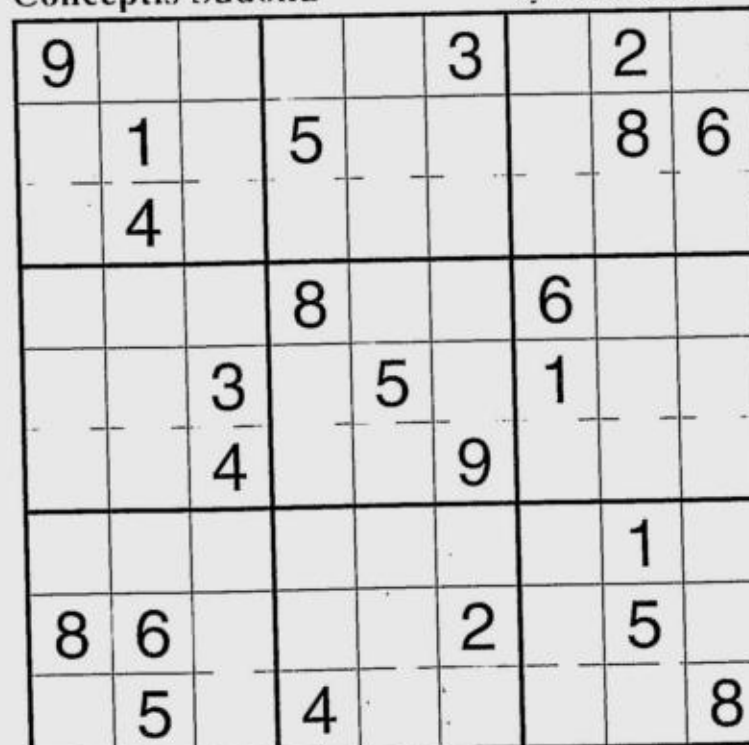
- ARIES** (March 21 to April 19): Your focus now turns to home, family, real estate and domestic matters during the next six weeks. In fact, family reunions are highly likely.
- TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20): This is a busy time for you. Nevertheless, retrograde Mercury can create delays and confusion in all your communication with others, especially with relatives and siblings. (Pay your phone bill.)
- GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20): Money issues will now become an increasing concern for you because of late checks in the mail or other unexpected delays. However, old opportunities to earn money could also suddenly reappear.
- CANCER** (June 21 to July 22): You're strong now because the Sun is back in your sign. However, Mercury is going retrograde in your sign, bringing ex-partners back into your life. (Oops.)
- LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22): You might be surprised by how successful your attempts to dig into the past now. Planetary conditions will help you do this.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): If you have an opportunity to talk to friends or groups to discuss your future goals, by all means do so. Feedback from others can be very helpful.

- LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): Expect to run into bosses, parents, teachers and VIPs you haven't seen for a while. All kinds of people are popping up out of the woodwork. (Look your best.)
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): There's a strong likelihood that you'll have delays in travel plans or anything related to publishing, education and the media. Just work with this as best you can.
- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): You'll have to deal with old matters related to debt, taxes, bills, inheritances, insurance matters and the like. This is your chance to clean up old business. Don't delay any longer.
- CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): Now and in the next few weeks, you have an opportunity to clear up old issues with partners and close friends. Take advantage of this.
- AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): Don't be discouraged by delays and silly little errors occurring at work now. This is par for the course. The good news is that you have a second chance to redo some things.
- PISCES** (Feb. 19 to March 20): Old flames and ex-lovers are back in your world again. Issues related to sports, children and the arts are also on the table.

CONCEPTS SU DOKU

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by Dave Green



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Difficulty Level ★★★

GOINGS ON**Mall's entrep corner features students**

THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP STUDENTS OF DE LA Salle University (DLSU) Dasmariñas have been invited by Robinsons Malls' Entrep Corner to showcase their creations at the second level, Expansion Mall area, Robinsons Place Dasmariñas, June 23 to July 1. This is the first time that DLSU-Dasmariñas will collaborate with Robinsons Malls' Entrep Corner. For the school's opening salvo, the students have whipped up their street food innovations like *turon* filled with fruits, salty *bicho-bicho*, wrap-less *sional*, *bananacue* with toppings.

Discriminating tastebuds and the health-conscious can feast on offerings like banana bread with nuts and veggie bits, vegetarian spring rolls and Filipinoized makis. Novelty stuff like *kikay* notebooks and huggable pillow stuffed toys will also make their debut in the Entrep Corner. The Robinsons Malls' Entrep Corner was launched late 2005 in Robinsons Galleria featuring the Entrep students of Miriam College. The following year, Robinsons Malls Entrep Corner showcased the student companies from San Beda College.

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ANNIVERSARY. The Sigma Rho Fraternity of UP Los Baños will mark its 50th anniversary this year with the theme "Sigma Rho. Solid. Gold." One of the oldest fraternities in UPLB, Sigma Rho has chosen the theme to celebrate the strong fraternal ties that has bound its members for fifty years. One of the highlights of the celebration is a grand fraternity ball on July 7 at the Senior's Social Garden inside the UPLB Campus. All Sigma Rhos are invited to attend the event. Log on to www.sigmahrho.org.ph or contact Jojo Fornesa (Batch '89) at jo_frnasa@yahoo.com or at 0928-62377159; Potch Santos (Batch '98) at potch98b@yahoo.com or 0917-8143473; and John Callo at actuarialstaff@yahoo.com or 0917-8313073.

WORKSHOP. The National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), Dep-Ed (NCR), the Liga ng mga Barangay sa Makati, Guardians of Nature Club, The Philippine Wetlands Inc., and San Ildefonso Parish of Pio del Pilar, Makati, are coming up with a workshop on "Trainors' Workshop On Integrating Theater Arts for Eco-Cultural Diversity Education," June 22, 23 and 24 at the Rizzato Hall of San Ildefonso Parish in Pio del Pilar, Makati. Invited as lecturers/resource speakers are four experts on environmental concerns and theater practitioners: Carmelito Tatlonghari, Amy Leciones, Jigz Recto, and Aristotle Garcia. Call 7583767 or 7570275.

SHOW. Sesame Street's Elmo, Bert and Ernie, Big Bird, Grover, Cookie Monster, Oscar, Count von Count, and the rest of the Sesame Street crew will be in town for a fun and educational show "Elmo's Coloring Book," July 18-22 at the Aliw Theater, CCP Complex. Call the Wilbros Marketing Department at 3742222 or 3749999 for details.

BOOK LAUNCH. "Lola Kikay," a book on the first National Artist in Dance, written by Francisca Reyes Aquino is now available in 92 Bignay St., Quirino District, Quezon City. Call 9267112, look for Sally Datoc.



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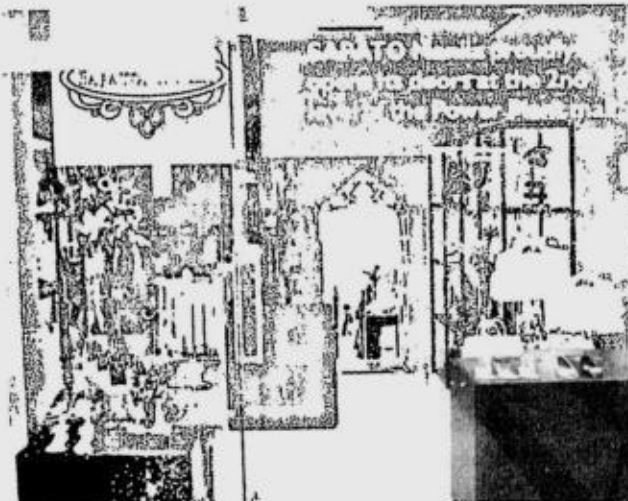
SAPATO MANILA RECENTLY LAUNCHED ITS FIRST freestanding boutique with a chic to-do, complete with live music and overflowing drinks.

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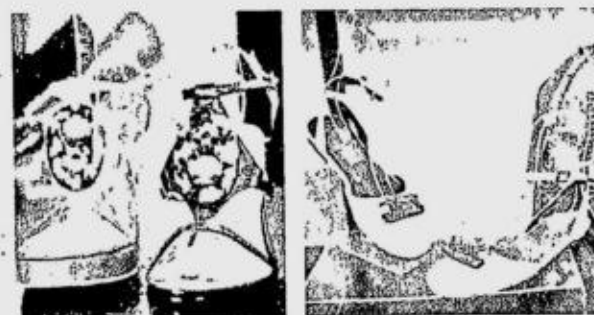
Manila's fashionable set came in droves to shop for platforms, wedges and flats with resin accents, sandals in bright or metallic leather, and oversized totes with *solihya* (a type of local rattan weave) details.

Present during the affair were Jetset's Liza Ilarde-Cuenca, Meg Magazine's PeeWee Reyes, model/writer Gem Padilla, Mega's Carla Sibal, stylish Irene Araneta, among others.

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Fashion loses

their hubbies are beyond the reach of pressing office matters.

Batangas development

It is with these telling insights into today's lifestyle changes that Xerez-Burgos is on top of the development of La Playa Calatagan in Batangas. The 36-year-old is heir to the Landco fortune started by his father Alfredo. His father, a developer who was behind the Ayala development three decades ago, also pioneered theme development (Punta Fuego, Leisure Farms, to name a few) in the '90s.

As early as then, Alfredo had seen the growing need of the upper classes to have second homes away from the city or upon retirement, a place where they could unwind and indulge their passions, be it farming or simple recreation.

Landco now has 20 developments in its portfolio, including the 400-ha Villa Escudero which it is turning into a Filipino heritage/tourism destination.

"Your own hacienda, but com-

plete with golf courses, water park and agriculture area," Xerez-Burgos said.

This De La Salle graduate enjoys creating and planning for such lifestyle markets. "There's nothing more fulfilling than creating a concept and helping shape people's lifestyles."

He himself is the lifestyle market: his wife Maricar is an interior designer and they have three children with whom they want to get away on weekends. So he knows what he speaks of.

His five-year plan is to take his developments to the mainstream. "We've covered the top; there are only so many rich people. Now we'd like to cover middle-income families who want to trade up or live the quality lifestyle."

From his father, said Xerez-Burgos, he learned the values of hard work, discipline and humility.

Indeed, in the end, on top of perks such as a weekend home, those values are what complete a quality lifestyle.

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Surprise bash for designer's 50th birthday



MALOU Chuck, Michael Carandang and Leah Salterio



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IT WAS A SURPRISE PARTY LIKE NO OTHER, *palangas*, for the country's royal prince of *alta moda*, Inno Sotto. On the night of his birthday, he had no idea what was to greet him when he entered the living room where the guests had already gathered wearing Inno Sotto masks.

Super lovable dermatologist Vicki Belo hosted the bash at her posh residence in Makati, *palangas*.

Everything had been kept secret from the celebrator. Top corporate image maker and talent manager Joji Dingcong, Inno's manager, lined up the guest list together with close Inno pal, Philippine Tatler editor Anton San Diego.

Inno's muse, gorgeous Samantha Eduque, and Inno loyalist, Margarita "Gaita" Fores of Cibo and Pepato, prepared an excellent menu that got everybody gushing for the four stations of food.

Walters passed around baked scallops with fish roe. On the cocktail tables were *paté di fegato* dip with sweetened *santol*; giant chilled crabs from Negros; roast leg of lamb; roast goat; Pepato pig's trotter; salads; pastas; cheese and to-die-for desserts which were absolutely divine, *palangas*.

Fabulous couple Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala and Lizzie Zobel sent over two cases of Cartizze Prosecco for everyone to enjoy.

Naturellement, Joji's fave staple in the parties he organizes was also present—Moët & Chandon champagne.

Cocoy Puyat's '80s music had the guests dancing and in the right party mood.

Doctor Belo tirelessly entertained everyone, including Edvee Cruz; gracious Bela Madrigal-Vasquez, who was with her pal, Baby Girl Fricke of Artemis; real-estate "prince" Kevin Tan of Megaworld; mega architect Anton Mendoza; and nice and good-hearted couple Maripi Muscat and Johnny Velasquez.

Also present were party animal Pepper Teehankee and Vicki's tall, eye-catching daughter Crystalle Henares.

Only an Inno celebration could draw grand dame Mely Hechanova to come early just to surprise her favorite designer. The same goes for the ever gracious Marietta Santos of Virilanie Foundation, as well as longtime Inno pal, Veana Fores, together with her vivacious sister-in-law Rosanna Tuason E

MOJI and my pal from way back,
Inno S.

MARIETTA Santos and Johnny Velasquez



ANTON San Diego, Veana Fores, the celebrator, Margarita Fores and Joji Dingcong

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

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using Kodak EasyShare
system



Also there were writer Leah Salterio of the Belo Medical Group, southern belle Allana Montelibano and super PR woman Susan Joven. Lensman Alex Van Hagen recorded the whole evening for Inno, *palangas*.

Brilliant Michael Carandang, one of the producers of the "Tyra Banks Show," was there, as well as Rustan's super-asset, Rhoda Campos-Aldanese and husband businessman Vince A.

Also seen partying were the fabulous Sigalit Djemal and her witty businessman-husband Sinai D.

Inno's close pals who gave him birthday greetings were the good-looking McC Cuan, ever loyal Julie Abalos, and premier makeup artist Patrick Rosas.

Also enjoying the party was another Patrick, Patrick Reyno, who was excited about the planned celebration of the Manila Jockey Club's 140th year. The grand event is again being staged by Dingcong, dahlings.

Inno was serenaded by the handsome new singing sensation, Chris Cayzer. When it was his turn on the mic, Inno joked: "I've been around for 500 years—Pitoy Moreno maybe for 700..." He added: "I am just very happy that in my 500 years, there are friends around me who keep me young and alive. I may have lost someone special in my heart and my life, but what I realized is that I have so many friends who fill my heart with so much love and joy."

Inno was right. At the end of the day—"only love begets love and nothing else," *palangas*.

What a fab personality! What a fantastic night!

Myther's place

Those who flock to downtown Malate for its day or night scene know that there is a haberdashery there called Myther's and Friends, which makes some of the best barong Tagalog



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talented McC Cuan

CHRIS Cayzer

attires in town, *palangas*.

But what most people don't know is what happens on a Thursday on Adriatico Street. Well, on that day during lunchtime, the shop turns into a political arena. Here the country's most intelligent journalists, skilled political analysts and powerful politicians meet and banter.

"Everything said here is off the record. Nothing is repeated outside. Hear no evil, see no evil and speak no evil is the unwritten law here," explained publicist and Asia Dragon magazine executive editor Louie Cruz, dahlings.

Going to the shop and forum, you'll be beautifully entertained by the super popular and well-respected Myther Buñag and his adorable wife Susan.

Recently, it was Myther's birthday and all his pals came for Thursday lunch, *natch*.

Aside from Myther's regular get-togethers, the other best-kept secret of Malate, dahlings, is Susan's home-cooked lunch buffet. Especially to-die-for are the *kare-kare* and the crab omelette. Meanwhile, everyone's favorite drink is the Paradise Mango Rum.

Cheers, Myther! Here's to more of the good life.

Book of Asean flavors

Singapore Airlines invited its priority passengers to the fun book launching of "Foodlore and Flavors—Inside the Southeast Asia Kitchen," at the elegant Mandarin Oriental Manila, *palangas*.

The fab book has tons of recipes of Asean cuisines. Some of the yummy recipes were served at the launch.

Enjoying both the food and talk of food were food enthusiast and chef Christopher Tan, ArtpostAsia managing director Tina Colayco, Vicky Garcia, INQUIRER's popular food expert Michaela Fenix, Emilencia Maniku, Sheila Spink Raisbeck and Henrietta Dolinska, plus many others of the airline's priority passengers.

Remember, *palangas*, Singapore Airlines and its sister airline, Silk Air, offer several convenient connections from Manila, Cebu and Davao to major Asean cities via Singapore, *natch*.

AL FERNANDEZ, Edsel Tamano and Ninez Cacho Olivarez. Standing: Satur Ocampo and Myther Bunag



SINGAPORE Airlines marketing communications officer Clarissa Morelos; manager for marketing communications and services Rita Dy; Artpost Asia managing director, Tina Colayco; Solitaire PPS Club member Marlene Krishnan and daughter Meera; Sharon Tan and husband, Singapore Airlines GM Clinton Tan

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*Real women,
real style*



ON FRANCINE: Ensembles floral wraparound dress; on Kristina: Karimadon beige and blue floral printed dress and Lucy in the Sky necklace by Happy David; on Abbie: Zara white tank top and Freeway olive-green jumper shorts; on Claire: Zara floral printed top; on Cheryl: Zara blue satin top, Freeway necklace

Body love

Knowing who you are
will translate to self-
confidence, no matter
what shape, form, size
or girth you have

IT'S EASY TO SAY, "LOVE YOUR body" no matter what shape, form, size or girth it has. But do people really, truly mean it when they throw around this often-used phrase, or is it all just lip service?

Sure, most magazines and publications like INQUIRER Fashion come out with specials (just like this one!) that encourage women to accept their less-than-perfect physiques. Tyra Banks has even coined politically correct terms to replace adjectives like, dare I say it, fat.

I'm getting a bit confused, though. Almost everyone seems to be sending mixed messages. I hardly ever see a "big-boned" (read: overweight!) model on the cover of glossy magazines here or abroad, unless the particular subject is a very popular celebrity. Even then, a whole lot of Photoshopping is done to trim bulges, whittle down waistlines and minimize double chins.

More often than not, cover subjects, plus models used in editorials and print ad campaigns, remain ultra-thin, ultra-perfect, sometimes ultra-Photoshopped images that look far different from their actual selves.

I was shocked to see an endorser of a local brand looking lanky and stick-thin in one of the billboards in Edsa. If truth be told, she's much curvier and shorter, although undeniably beautiful of face, than her image in the ad.

This leads me to think that maybe, just maybe, we are all responsible for setting such impossible standards of beauty. If someone appears flawlessly beautiful and without an ounce of blubber or cellulite, does that mean the rest of the population is sub-standard, so to speak? Can all these unrealistic images possibly affect one's self-esteem and body image so that it actually becomes impossible to "love your body?"

I've met slim, gorgeous women who still think they're fat and thus continue to pay for liposuction. Then, there are those who are thoroughly obsessed with work-

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ing out in the gym to maintain reed-thin bodies that, in reality, already look unflattering. It's sad, but coming from the fashion industry where most everyone is expected to be thin and stylish, I can understand where these women are coming from.

I suppose it's time to go back to basics. It should not just be about loving your body. The real crux of the matter is loving yourself.

It really does start from the inside. To look good and feel confident about yourself, the emotional, mental, spiritual and other aspects of your life must be developed. The rest will hopefully follow.

Going back to basics also means examining one's motivations and *raison d'être*. Why are we all so obsessed with our body image, anyway? Why do we slave away in the gym and starve ourselves to death in order to achieve a

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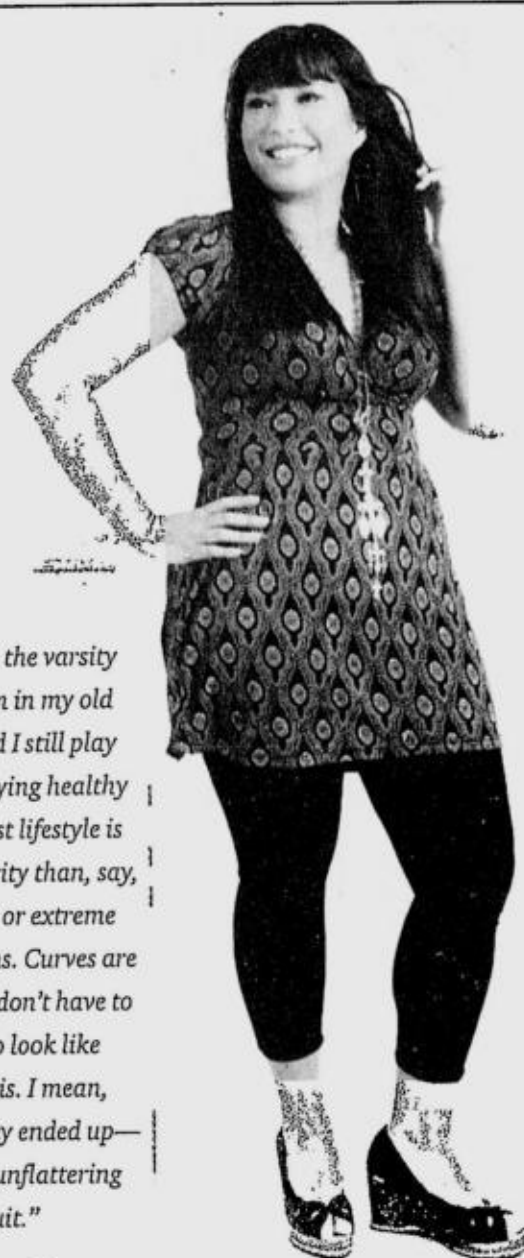
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Round

"My style is always changing. I believe being sexy is a state of mind. That is why I feel confident wearing outfits that people wouldn't expect me to wear. It's all about creating the look and eliminating boundaries. Just because I'm big doesn't mean I should stay away from white and accessorize myself to death. It takes confidence to see yourself in a realistic light and say, 'Hey! This looks good on me' or 'Hmm, this makes me look like a turkey.' No boundaries, as long as it looks good."

CLAIRE Seelin-Diokno, 32, Shu Uemura makeup artist
On Claire: Dorothy Perkins black and red empire-cut dress and Schu red patent leather pumps



Curvy

"I used to be on the varsity basketball team in my old high school and I still play for leisure. Staying healthy to balance a fast lifestyle is more of a priority than, say, plastic surgery or extreme gym marathons. Curves are great and you don't have to kick yourself to look like Lindsay or Paris. I mean, look where they ended up—rehab and an unflattering orange jumpsuit."

FRANCINE Palines, 20, college student and Pink fashion assistant
On Francine: Ensembles floral wraparound dress



Pregnant

"Now that I'm pregnant, I wear trendy loose tops, clothes which I can still use even after pregnancy. I try to avoid wearing maternity dresses as much as possible because they make me feel old."

KRISTINA Dacayo-Garcia, 23, law student
On Kristina: Polka-dot pink dress with Ensembles beige tube

Thin

"I wear skinny jeans and wear my belts really low. High-waisted jeans and shorts, too. When it comes to my flaws, I really don't try to cover them. I try to free myself from wanting to look perfect."

Body love

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certain physique?

I used to diet to maintain a stick-thin, model-perfect figure. It was my job, after all. Today, I diet simply to stay fit and healthy.

Hopefully, by eating well and leading a well-balanced life, physical improvements will come about naturally. Of course, a bit of knowledge on fashion and what suits one's body type can serve to complement all of the above-mentioned points.

Ultimately, it's all about accepting your own unique personality and look. Knowing who you are will translate to self-confidence, no matter what shape, form, size, or girth you come in. There is truly beauty in diversity.

Take inspiration from this group of beautiful women who come in all shapes and sizes, and who got together for this special shoot styled by Bianca Consunji. Their message is clear and simple: Love your body, but more importantly, love yourself.

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ABBIE Almasco, 20, part-time model
On Abbie: Freeway printed top, Topshop high-waist shorts, Schu red patent leather pumps, Lucy in the Sky necklace by Happy David

Petite

"I always wanted to grow taller—and I still do (Cheryl stands 5 ft flat)! All of my friends and family are taller than me, and I was always in the first row during class picture-taking sessions. It can be difficult to find clothes that fit well. Apart from wearing heels, I've stopped wearing baggy clothes that made me appear fatter and shorter. Guys don't seem to mind my height, and friends have even pointed out that a lot of guys who are attracted to me are usually really tall (6 ft and above), haha! It's not so bad anymore, friends just tease me about it and call me 'Little Cheryl' or ask me if I want them to carry me so I can see the world from their point of view!"



CHERYL Tiu, 23, editor for Wix and assistant editor for Lifestyle Asia magazines
On Cheryl: Karimadon yellow and brown graphic print dress

Play up your assets!

By Bianca Consunji
Contributor

LET'S FACE IT, FASHION chooses its muses. So even if you love Topshop's Kate Moss collection, chances are, you won't look your best in her red skinny jeans if you have thunder thighs.

Although the country's retail scene has certainly come a long way from, say, eight years ago (when the only available clothing sizes were small, medium and large), there are other things to consider when buying clothing than just the size. Before you swipe your card to take home the latest collections, take into account factors such as your height, body type and lifestyle to avoid ending up with unflattering pieces.

The biggest mistake many women make in purchasing clothing is trying to look like someone they are not. Armed with unrealistic expectations and images of reed-thin models, they go into stores searching for jeans that will make them look 10 pounds thinner, or a dress that looked great on Gisele Bundchen.

However, when they get home, away from the flattering praise of salespeople, they realize that they look nothing like the top models they strive to emulate—and promptly blame it on their clothes, accusing a pair of jeans of inflating their thighs by some evil magic, or blaming a top for creating the illusion of man-shoulders.

The secret to looking good is to embrace your body type, and to dress to highlight your assets instead of camouflaging your flaws. While everyone has worn black at one time or another to hide the extra five pounds gained over the holidays, you can't hide yourself in dark, shapeless clothes simply because you do not like your body type.

Still don't know what might look good on you? Here's a cheat sheet for finding the best clothes for your body type.

Curvy

Wraparound dresses can help you emphasize curves in places where you want them. The low V-neck will give your cleavage a boost, while the sash can cinch your waist to make it look smaller. Avoid low-rise jeans, which can make your hips look wider.

Thin

Thin girls can wear just about anything, so feel free to experiment with fashion. If you're feeling adventurous, check out high waist bottoms and jumper shorts, which can make your legs look longer (heavier body types tend to look stumpy in those pieces).

Pregnant

Comfort is the first thing to consider when buying clothes if you're pregnant. Avoid heels and constricting clothing; go for materials such as cotton and linen, and try not to wear synthetic cloth such as spandex, which can make you feel hot and uncomfortable. Empire-cut dresses are your best bet. Pair them with ballet flats to keep you stylish yet comfortable.

Petite

If you have a hard time finding the perfect pair of jeans, try wearing dresses instead. Loose or overly long jeans can cut your figure, making you look shorter than you really are. Go for short or knee-length dresses with flowing hemlines, which give the illusion of movement and height.

Round

Don't try to hide your body in dark colors and shapeless outfits! Instead, play up your favorite assets: nice shoulders, a defined collarbone, shapely calves or a good skin tone. Overly tight or loose clothes will only make you look bigger; instead, go for structured or tailored pieces with more streamlined forms.

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ON NICOLE: white cotton puff-sleeve top. On Kitchie: striped jersey top with white stretch capris. On Sanya: black and violet stretch cotton top with stretch denims

the big and the beautiful

Maxine's new branch in Trinoma mall houses styles many full-figured women would dare not wear: puff sleeves, bell sleeves, bright colors, bold prints, horizontal stripes, ruffles, even skinny jeans!

By Irene C. Perez

A LOT OF WOMEN ARE COMING out of the closet—the plus-size closet of predominantly black clothes, that is.

But, first off, let's stop calling it "plus size." "Full-figured" sounds a lot better; not to mention sexier. C'mon, how many women have the perfect whistle-bait figure anyway? Yes, it is frustrating, but it's not the end of the world if you don't fit into free size.

Shirley Enriquez, the lady behind clothing brand Maxine, believes fashion education is the key to full-figure dressing.

"Everyone should be fashionable, fat women don't have to be tacky by default," she says.

Hmmm, maybe we should also change "fat" to "pleasantly plump."

Fashion education

Many voluptuous women are finally tossing out their husbands' shirts with rolled-up sleeves for trendier, more colorful clothes that emphasize their assets and hide their flaws. While women then were insecure about their flab, they are now more than happy to bare some skin, show a little bit of cleavage and embrace their inner fashionista.

"If you have a nice, smooth back, wear backless tops; if you have nice legs, wear miniskirts," says Enriquez. "I really don't believe in limitations when it comes to full-figure fashion. As long as you're happy with how you look, you're good."

True enough, the first stand-alone Maxine branch in Trinoma mall in QC houses styles many big women would dare not wear: puff sleeves, bell sleeves, bright colors, bold prints, horizontal stripes, ruffles and, ack, skinny jeans!

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Icon on a comeback

The legendary Auggie Cordero returns to the spotlight with a gala show for Metrowear on June 29

By Alex Y. Vergara

SINCE APRIL THIS YEAR, Auggie Cordero has been quietly turning away customers from his shop in Malate. Is the veteran fashion designer slowing down? Are we finally seeing an end to an era as well as an illustrious career that has spanned nearly four decades?

On the contrary, he has never been busier doing mostly exquisite wedding gowns for some of the country's more famous brides these days. But his loyal as well as future patrons will have to wait until the end of the month as the methodical Cordero attends to a more pressing concern.

The workaholic designer, who began to make a name for himself in the 1970s via a series of luncheon fashion shows that also featured the clothes of contemporaries Inno Sotto and the late Joe Salazar, is simply marshalling his creativity and resources for his much-awaited gala show for Metrowear on June 29.

Produced by Metro Society and sponsored by Samsung, the invitational event will start with a cocktail party at the Manila Peninsula's Rigodon Ballroom. Without a doubt, not a few of Cordero's society muses will be there wearing clothes the designer did for them over the decades.

Apart from channeling inspiration from Audrey Hepburn's numerous on-screen personas, Cordero, a celebrated bookworm and movie buff (his DVD collection runs by the hundreds), is known for introducing such trends as turning barongs into tunics for women, shirtdresses in chambray, sleek suits a la Chanel and tuxedo dressing as evening wear.

Cordero is also known for using huge bows, camellias and cabbage roses to embellish his gowns and cocktail dresses (Margarita Moran had a huge rose on her white Auggie Cordero gown the night she won Miss Universe). At the same time, however, he's equally adept at doing mannish suits for women inspired by Katharine Hepburn and Diane Keaton in "Annie Hall."

The public is assured of a good if not substantial show since Cordero plans to showcase close to 50 pieces consisting of dressy daywear, tailored separates, cocktail dresses, evening wear and—hold your breath—11 wedding gowns made of silk and duchess satin in white and muted shades such as sky blue, champagne, peach, pink and pearl.

"It was only recently, while I was going through some swatches, when I learned that I haven't done a single piece in red yet," he says with a hearty chuckle. "How did that happen when red is one of my favorite colors?"

Fashion statement

Aside from a number of cocktail dresses in vibrant jewel tones, Cordero will also showcase textured brocade jackets for those after-six affairs. Of course, like in most of his previous shows, Audrey will grace this one if only in spirit.

"For my opening number, I'll be doing versions of dresses worn by Grace Kelly, Jackie O. and Audrey Hepburn. The night won't be complete without her," says Cordero, before breaking into a knowing smile.

A designer's fashion statement, he adds, is reflected in his day wear. In his case, he plans to show dressier daywear with looser silhouettes—a boon to the full-figured Filipina—lacey separates and loose, semi-trench jackets made of Italian linen.

But his fantasies are mirrored in his bridal creations, which Cordero noted in previous interviews as the saving grace of Philippine haute couture.

"I've had no income, just a long list of expenses of late," the chain-smoking Cordero adds, in between puffs of his favorite brand. "The fabrics in my inventory aren't enough, so I had to order additional materials from suppliers in Hong Kong and New York."

Not that he's complaining, mind you. Cordero is just trying to live up to expectations since he hasn't staged a gala or solo show in 13 years. Except for a dozen or so group shows with other designers, the last solo show he did was in 1994 for President and Ms. Ramos. He also did a solo bridal show in 2000.

Those who've seen how big and extensive his inventory of imported fabrics is (perhaps one of the biggest a local designer could muster) are probably wondering why he needs to amass more.

Always the perfectionist, Cordero feels that there's still plenty of room for improvement through the use of newer and better fabrics.

He has long resigned himself to the fact that, in the virtual absence of a local textile industry, designers like him will forever be dependent on overseas suppliers.

Apart from the usual materials such as chiffon, duchess satin and dupioni silk, he's also supplementing his arsenal of fabrics with lace from Milan and the finest tulle from New York.

If things go according to plan,

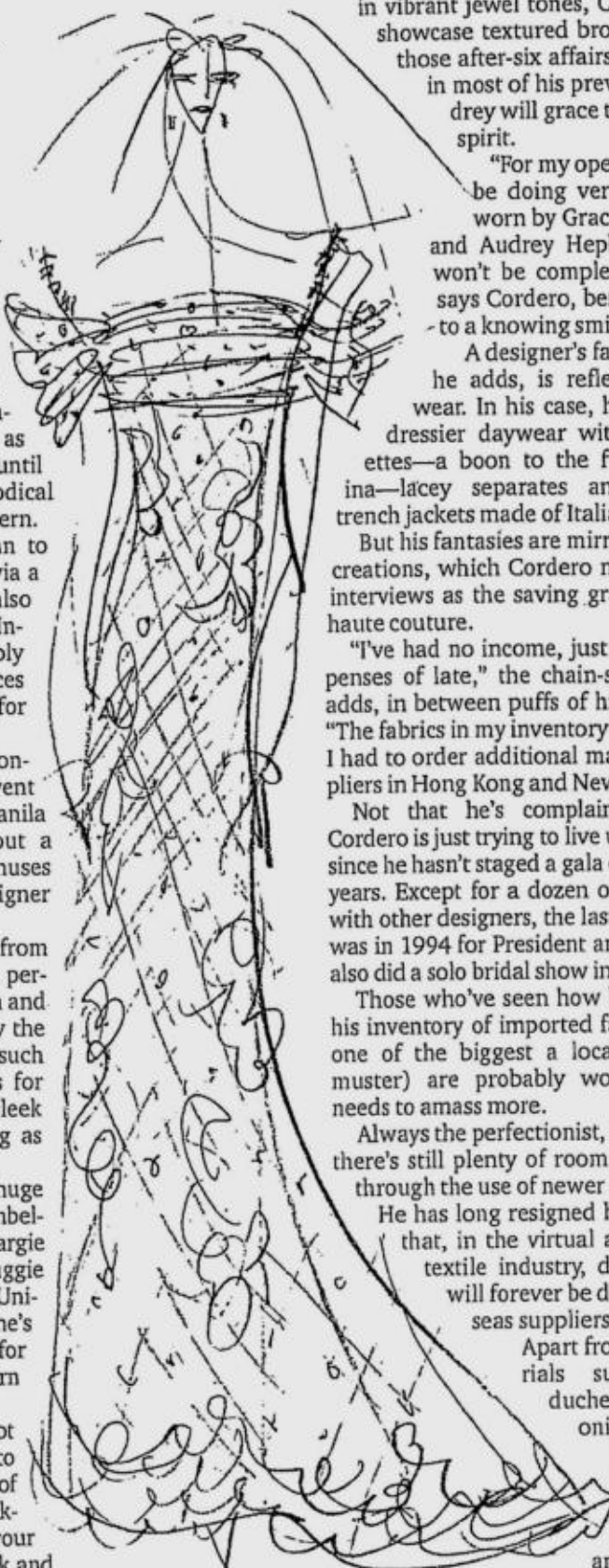


ILLUSTRATION by Cordero



AFTER 13 long years, Auggie Cordero prepares for his latest solo fashion show, which will channel Audrey Hepburn, among other inspirations, for today's real women.

RUDY ESPERAS

Cordero will show a wedding dress with a short skirt made of point d'esprit for his finale. Compared to the cheap variety used primarily for petticoats (remember Lara Flynn Boyle's tutu-like outfit to the Oscars some years back?), this type of tulle is pricier, softer, finer and less voluminous.

"I'll be doing what I do best, which are elegant, romantic clothes with small details and made from good fabrics," he says. "My clients know that I'm not really into over-the-top show clothes. That's not my style."

Young and aggressive

Of course, doing galas are no longer new to him. In the course of his career, Cordero estimates that he has done 30 or so galas both here and abroad. He toured Southeast Asia four times and also did solo shows in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Tokyo and New York. He also lived for a time in the Big Apple.

He also did shows in various Australian cities for a month, and, in fact, would have stayed longer had he not already committed himself to doing gala shows in California.

"I was young and more aggressive then," he says. "Besides, it was martial law, and doing shows abroad gave me the perfect excuse to travel."

The number of shows came to a trickle as the mid-1980s rolled in. Soon after the EDSA Revolution in 1986, as the economy reeled from one coup to the next, Cordero wasn't even sure whether to stay or pack his bags and

leave the Philippines for good.

"The economy was down and dressing up was the last thing on people's minds," he recalls of those tumultuous years. "A number of my clients had already left the country. I decided to stay."

Indeed, as far as Cordero is concerned, the worst years are over. Still, despite what the seasoned designer and self-confessed insomniac has been through, he still can't help but feel the jitters as the big night draws near.

Due to the number of ideas swirling in his head, Cordero's sleeping pattern has become more erratic lately. Like most passionate and creative types, he finds it impossible to sleep during such occasions. He needs to sit down and commit his thoughts on paper "before I forget them."

"Of course, I'm tense," he confesses. "It's been years. Like an unused electric fan that needs oiling, my creative juices are running low. There are times when I find myself staring at the ceiling and wondering what I would do next."

Still, after all is said and done, everyone expects Cordero to deliver. The designer, who, to this day prefers intimate dinners with friends over cocktail parties with a roomful of strangers, will forego his aversion to socials and personally welcome guests next Friday.

"These are obligations I'd do gladly," he says. "It's only proper that I be there. I don't want to be rude to my guests." Audrey Hepburn would have approved.

The big and the beautiful



AVOCADO off-shoulder jersey top with white linen ruffle skirt



PRINTED kimono jersey top with sash over stretch, skinny dark blue jeans

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Sweet secret

Modification is the sweet secret. "What we do is take a trend and adjust the style to what is comfortable and right for the full-figured woman," says Enriquez.

As with any body frame, fit is crucial, and more so if you are dealing with sizes 8-24.

"For every single style, we make necessary adjustments. If it doesn't look okay, we redo it again and again till it's perfect."

Maxine boasts of its "tailored Asian fit" and has its own measurement system, which is smaller than the American size (to give you an idea, this writer is a size 14 by US standards; and is, ehem, size 8, the smallest, by Maxine's). The store's "just-right" jeans, which almost always need no alteration in length, are a bestseller whether in straight-cut, boot-cut or skinny versions.

"Full-figured doesn't mean you're big all over. I have a lot of tall, long-legged clients who are just top heavy and look great in skinnies," says Enriquez.

But for bottom-heavy girls who are scared of looking pudgy, she says the bootleg cut is the most flattering. Basic tops in classic black and white, in comfy stretch fabrics, are also a good option.

Key pieces

Dressing up, of course, involves investing in key pieces. Officewear need not be that blah black blazer again. Try a floral-print stylized kimono top with a silk belt and black slacks. A ballet-neck navy shirt paired with drawstring linen sailor pants in khaki would also make for great weekend wear.

Basic striped polos are given a twist with slightly puffed or bell sleeves. Button-down solid collared tops are given a sexy surprise with an inner bandeau in yummy shades. Cuffs, meanwhile, are emphasized with ribbons. Necklines and hems are adorned with ruffles, while bows and subtle beading provide a fun, girly feel.

Jersey blouses in elegant plum or cobalt-

AVOCADO and white jersey top with white stretch capris



blue with cowl necklines and ¾-sleeves can take you straight from the office to a date. Shirts with "No to Diet" graphic prints and mock halter straps can be great conversation pieces. On the other hand, bias-cut denim dresses with black-and-white polka-dot belts provide tummy control.

And there's the color larger ladies fear—white! Maxine surprisingly has a lot of fresh whites: wide-leg pants, capris, long-collared wrap tops, basic short-sleeves, sporty polo shirts.

New collection

Young designers Karen Ilog and Maita Lu list Neo-baroque, Light and Shadows, and Tropical Fruit as inspirations behind Maxine's rainy season collection, which is exclusively available in the Trinoma boutique.

Trust Lu, who has generous curves herself, to understand the kind of customers she's dealing with.

"I analyze the dressing behavior of ordinary people. They make a lot of fashion mistakes," she says.

"Wrong prints, wrong sizes... Clothes should be fit, not tight or loose."

Taking this into consideration, she researches on themes, styles and colors for every season, makes sketches and designs clothes that she and other extra-curve ladies would be glad to wear.

"We talk to our clients and listen to their suggestions; we experiment and educate."

Naughty and nautical

Lu takes off from "Pirates of the Caribbean" for this INQUIRER Fashion shoot. "It's baroque with a hint of nautical. We want to teach girls how to combine clothes. We chose the 'Pirates' theme to convey the message that big, confident girls can conquer," she says.

TV host Janice de Belen models their women's wear, while plus-size model search winner Kitchie Pa-

Photography José Enrique Soriano
Make up Gela Laurel for Lancôme
Hair Jerry Javier
for L'Oréal Professional
Models Sanya Faustmann,
Nicole Fonacier, Kitchie Pagaspas

BIG ISN'T EXACTLY BAD. HERE ARE SOME suggestions from Maxine on how to be striking no matter what size you are:

- Don't overdo it. Too many accessories, exaggerated prints, anything too much is taboo.
- Pick clothes with diagonal or vertical stripes if you have a short torso.
- The bigger the prints, the larger you will be. Smaller prints make you look less "crowded," too.
- This can't be emphasized enough: Big, loose shirts won't hide your *blibbl*. Wear clothes that are fit, non-clingy and with ample room to move in.
- Always check the fit on the shoulders, bust and waist. Try on pants while sitting down, too.
- Don't cover your entire body! Wear low V-neck or U-neck tops.
- If you're top-heavy, A-line knee-length or mini skirts work best to emphasize the hips and take the eye away from the bust and shoulders.
- If you're bottom-heavy, ruffled tops can add volume to chest and shoulders. Proper layering is a trick, too.
- Avoid baggy jeans.
- Avoid capris if you have short legs. And make sure the hem of your top does not fall below your first hips.
- Accessorize!

gasas, VJ Nicole Fonacier and entrepreneur Sanya Faustmann struts the hipper, trendier combinations.

Maxine began as an in-house brand in SM and the Landmark department stores in 1999. A new collection is launched every season, with new styles hitting the shops every week. While all the materials are sourced abroad, the clothes are made here. The store's clients range from yuppies and mommies in their 20s, all the way up.

"We have students, moms, *lolas* who love dressing up," Enriquez says.

The Trinoma store also offers funky accessories like rope charm bracelets; multilayer beaded cuffs; long necklaces in gold, silver and antiquated bronze; and bag charms that Enriquez says can't be found in shops or *tiangges* elsewhere.

So what's next for Maxine? "Swimsuits maybe. Bags. We are also hoping to evolve into a lifestyle store for the full-figured."

Now that's dreaming big.

Homebody beautiful

CORPORATE WOMEN GO NUTS when they don't have their Blackberry or Personal Digital Assistant to monitor work. I go crazy when I have no new products to road-test. Beauty is not a job for me; it's really gone way past a calling and crossed over to an addiction.

These following products are only a portion of the ones I have road-tested and approved for the past two months. I am never "stuck" at home; I choose to stay there so I can be alone with my main squeeze—beauty products

MAKEOVER 911



Kinny Salas

just waiting for me to dig in. The new Crabtree & Evelyn 500-ml lotion (P1,750) and shower gel (P1,350)—C&E is

more expensive than most bath and body-care products but the quality and concentration of scent are top of the line.

Very little is needed in C&E to create a rich lather, and its fragrance lingers on the body and in the bathroom. I can never have enough of

these to hoard so I was pretty excited when they recently came out with their 500-ml sizes.

For this rainy season, I have been using the C&E Lavender variant because not only does it help me relax and sleep well, it also acts as an effective mosquito repellent so I can enjoy the cool rainy weather without air-conditioning.

I wake up with silky soft skin and no itchy bites on sight.

Tip: For my hair I spray on the Lavender linen spray to keep the buzzers from hovering around my ear and attacking my exposed face. The new larger sizes are also available in Goatmilk, a comforting creamy scent; Jojoba, a scrubbed-clean, unisex smell; and Aloe Vera, Summer Hill, Rosewater and Nantucket Briar, which are for baby cologne lovers.

Godiva Breast-firming cream (P188)—Pueraria Mirifica (PM), its effective ingredient, is an indigenous herb found in Thailand.

Have you seen those breast-enlargement cream infomercials? PM is the main ingredient of such treatments. Estrogen (the female hormone) production is responsible for the fullness and size of the breast. If we don't produce enough, we have smaller breasts. When we age

and production of estrogen slows down, breasts start sagging.

PM mimics the effect of estrogen, giving breasts a lifted, fuller appearance. Breasts won't necessarily get bigger but they will be more fuller up front and fill bras better. A lot of women wear bras that are too small in the cup because they ignore the flesh on the sides and armpit area. Not knowing the cup is breast tissue so they wear A cups instead of the B they actually are.

After a shower, massage Godiva on the breast, armpit, upper arms and collar bone areas. Depending on the breast size, one pot will last three to four weeks.

Scents

Tommy 10 (50 ml, P2,100; 100 ml, P3,000); Tommy Girl 10 (50 ml, P2,350; and 100 ml, P3,250)—For the 10th anniversary of Tommy and Tommy Girl fragrances, the designer has introduced two modern interpretations of the signature scents.

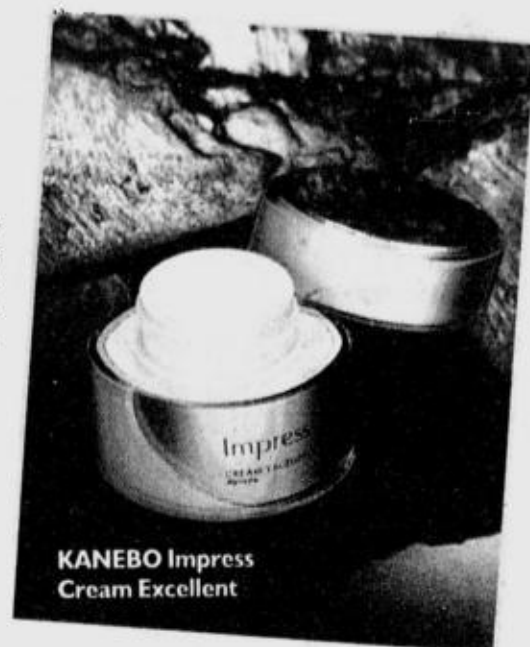
Tommy Hilfiger scents have always smelled fresh and clean but, unlike the usual sport or aquatic notes, these two new ones have a clean soap-and-water aroma.

I covered my bottles' names and just smell either bottle in the morning to see what appeals to me that day. Honestly, they are pretty unisex so I listen to my mood instead of labeling myself a "girl" and therefore limit myself to the Tommy Girl variant. You may be surprised by the compliments you and your boyfriend may get when you switch scents.

Kanebo Impress Cream Excellent (P25,000)—If I were to dish out serious cash for a face cream it had better be potent, multipurpose and show results in less than a week.

"Quasi-drug" was the word used by the woman who made the presentation. It is so potent that it is on the border of being prescribed only in a doctor's office in Japan. Japanese women take their skincare seriously and Kanebo has had the reputation for performance and results ever since I could remember.

This cream is designed to treat several skin problems. When I



KANEBO Impress Cream Excellent

had a huge PMS pimple on my nose, I cleansed and toned my face with my own brand then applied the Impress cream. The very next day the pimple was flat, without a scab; it vanished without a trace even before my period ended six days later.

The very next morning, my skin was firmer and looked rested as if I had eight instead of three hours of sleep. I had smooth skin, even-toned; there were no breakouts. There were fine lines around the eyes and my forehead plumped up.

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CRABTREE & Evelyn Lavender bath and shower gel and body lotion



JOJOBA Oil body wash and lotion



GOATMILK body wash and lotion



NECTAR GLACE (P1,150)

Apply with finger tips or a brush so that this gloss slightly overruns the top of the lip. This gives a more natural and sensual redefinition of lip contours.



Kissed by the sun

From page D6

Lucky for us living in modern times, getting bronzed doesn't mean having to bake under the sun and ending up wrinkled like a prune in our old age due to too much sun exposure.

Now, it's all about having the best bronzing product you can get your hands on while still staying as far away from the sun. This is actually very easy, because there are so many products available now in the market.

Lancôme is one of the safe brand picks when it comes to looking and feeling sun-kissed 24/7 and all year round.

With Bambou Powder your face will also have the beautiful sheen you get after hitting the beach. And since most Filipinas already have that yummy complexion, this powder will just enhance and make you look healthier.

Another great way to use Bambou Powder is to brush it on areas that you want to accentuate. My skintone is blah, for instance—but not when I brush on some Bambou Powder.

Star Bronzer is another must-have Lancôme product. It's a spray-on tan for the legs and body that allows you to choose the depth of color you like. Just spray on another coat if you want a deeper shade. Its new SunSlim technology, combining new-age pigments and softening agents, is very forgiving of flaws.

Lips that look stung

Luscious lips are all the rage now. Your lips will definitely get plumper with Nectar Glace. Not only does it have a replumping effect, it also moisturizes lips and feels as cool as an ice cube.

These limited-edition babies come with a cute ribbon to tie around your wrist—a great accessory for 2007.

Ever wonder how models in pictures get that glossy complexion that looks like they're about to break into a sweat, but not really?

Aqua Fusion allows you to take home that sexy look. All you have to do is add this lotion on top of your makeup and, voila! You've got the wet look for added radiance.

Since you are now tan and looking lumi-

OMBRE GLACEE (P1,495)

To be applied in light-catching touches on the arch of the eyebrows and the inner and outer corners of the eyes to enlarge eye expression. Or apply over the whole of the root of lashes. Ombre Glacee can also be used as a top coat over a Color Design eyeshadow to coat it with a cool icy vinyl look. Produces intensified colors, a lacquered and completely frosty look.

STAR BRONZER LEGS SPRAY (P1,750)

After a good scrub, before even getting clothed, spray on using long steady strokes. It would be great to have a friend spray this on you so she would be able to aim at hard-to-spot areas. Great when you want to wear shorts. Brush on Bambou Powder on top for a more stunning glow.



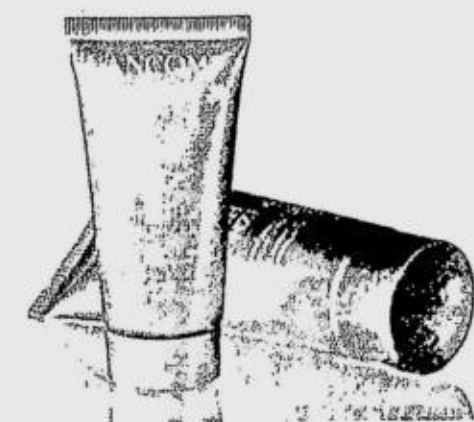
nous, just swipe the right shade on your eyes to make you sparkle like a gem.

With Ombre Glacee's Vert Bohol and Rose Bali, you will outshine them all. Just apply that gem of a shade, curl your lashes, brush on the waterproof mascara and you're ready to dazzle the world.



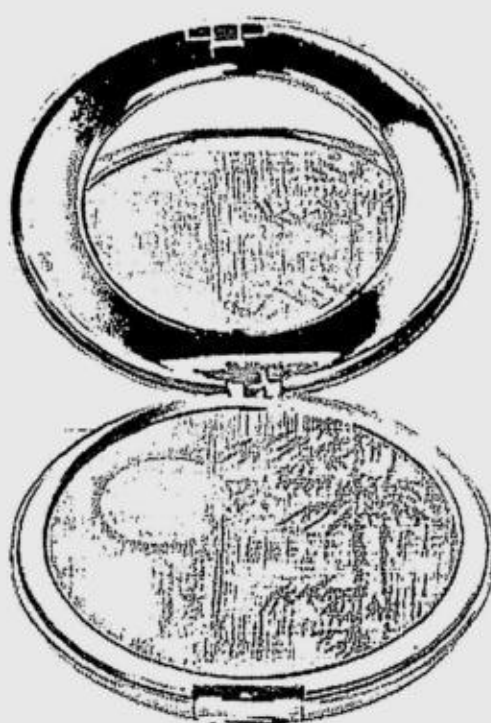
AQUA FUSION (P2,695)

Apply this lotion with a brush to the cheekbones, arches of the eyebrows and eyelids, whether made up or not, to magnify the glossy look. Or apply in dabs to intensify the radiance of your eyes. Do not apply on powder.



FLASH BRONZER (P1,550)

If you want to deepen your tan or get that sun-kissed look, this sunless tanning lotion is an answered prayer. Do a patch test on the inside of your arm before use. Make sure to exfoliate before applying, so you get the best results. Layering produces a darker tan. Enhance with bronzers after to magnify the color.



DARIA Werbowy uses Lancôme's Bronze Tropiques' 2007 summer collection.

BAMBOU POWDER (P2,895)

Blend the pink and gold pigments in this bronzing powder and apply to the face and body to enhance the radiance of your tan. Or apply the pink and gold pigments in dabs to the décolletage, eyelids and cheekbones to illuminate tan.

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LIFESTYLE

Kissed by the Sun

Bronze is big this 2007. It's sexy, hot, makes you look toned and hides dimples caused by cellulite

KNOCKOUT!



Ria Francisco-Prieto

LET'S FACE IT, THIS IS A tropical country, so the best trends to follow especially when it comes to beauty products are summer trends!

First, do you apply sunblock before stepping out of the house? If your answer is no, stop reading this article and go spread some sunblock even if you are just home, just to get the hang of it.

Applying sunblock is a must-do these days. If you do, then I would like to believe that you also moisturize and don't sleep with makeup on.

I've realized that when it comes to beauty routines, people in general follow the same basic steps. Me, I'm still in the "learning how to apply sunblock religiously" stage.

Luckily I have friends who educate me on hot beauty trends. And I've come to realize that what's good for summer is good for the rest of the year!

For the love of bronze

Bronze is big this 2007. It's sexy, hot, makes you look toned and hides dimples caused by cellulite. I think the latter benefit will have a lot of girls trying to get some sun.

KISSED/ D5

A whole lot of indulging anniversary treats from Brothers Burger



If by mathematical equation, one could absolutely get a quarter out of half of a half, joining the eighth anniversary celebration of Brothers Burger could give burger lovers a whole from half on June 23, Saturday, come and be part of the Hamburger Day celebration and enjoy a sumptuous feast that is impeccably suited to your discriminating taste without demanding much of your pocket expenses.

From 11:00 am to 10:00 pm, both burger fanatics and enthusiasts who will come in droves to any of the branches of Brothers Burger nationwide can enjoy the whole gastronomic experience of gorging on a hearty Big Brothers Half Pound Burger for only P64.50, or half its original price of P129.00

Such a treat is a show of appreciation to all the patrons of Brothers Burger for their loyalty to the brand since 1999.

"Since our loyal customers have become instrumental to our [Brothers Burger] becoming the best flame-grilled burger chain in the country today, we dedicate this holiday to them by offering a 50 percent discount on their classic favorite—the Big Brothers Half Pound Burger," said Martin Jose, Brothers Burger Vice President for Marketing.

"We intend this to become the local version of the Hamburger Day that is observed worldwide annually on no particular date."

The Big Brothers Half Pound Burger is one of the classic offerings that best speak of the success of Brothers Burger in raising the level of local burgers in terms of quality, freshness and size.

Oozing with juicy flavor, the burger—which is made of 100 percent beef—is cooked upon order. The patties come in a hearty proportion topped off with a range of original home made toppings to choose from.

Overall, the Half Pound Burger is sandwiched on an oatmeal bun held together well with cracked oatmeal grains on top instead of the usual sesame seeds—a nice change of pace from the sweet-tasting buns.

Apart from the half-pound, the signature burgers at Brothers Burger are Lamb Burger, Pounder and the Black Angus Burger.

While burgers are the main attractions of such a quick service restaurant, gourmands can also sample the various delectable, mouthwatering entrees such as Brothers Cheese Steak, Crispy Fish, Fried Crispy Chicken, Grilled Chicken, Vegetable Salad, Pasta and Soup, Carbonated Drinks, Iced Tea and Lemonade, Milkshakes, Chocolate Chip Cookies and Brownies—all these completing the great gastronomic satisfaction that can be experienced only at Brothers Burger.

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Paella à la Louie

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
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A SELF-AVOWED FOODIE, singer Louie Heredia mastered cooking the Spanish dish *paella* on his own.

Oido, as musicians would say. Apart from *paella*, he also whips up pasta (Puttanesca and Pomodoro) and Thai curry dishes.

"I've always had the knack," he relates. "I started experimenting with different ingredients and spices. Every time I dined out or partied with friends, I would ask for the secrets of their *paella* recipes."

From friend and shipping magnate Sabin Aboitiz, Louie learned to substitute sake for white wine. He also discovered that Japanese or California rice is best for *paellas*.

Trial and error

As such, Louie's Valencia is not the product of a strict recipe, but the result of constant trials and errors, mixed with healthy servings of tips from friends.

"The first *paella* I cooked wasn't good. It took me 10 times to perfect it," he recalls.

He makes sure he uses only the freshest ingredients—clams, mussels, Baguio beans, chorizo, red pepper, bacon, tuna, pork, crabs, shrimp and chicken.

"It's important not to overcook the clams and mussels, to retain the juices. I also use the seafood broth in the *paella*," he explains.

The process usually takes two to three hours.

Barbecue pit

He prefers to cook on a barbecue pit. "Charcoal cooking ensures that the heat will be distributed evenly because the *paellera* is big," he points out. "Nowadays, you can buy a gadget that you can attach to the stove that guarantees even cooking." Spoken like a true expert.

HOBBIES

"Perfect for parties, each pan of my *paella* can feed 15 to 18 people—if there are other dishes, even 30 people," he says.

For Louie, cooking is therapy.

What started as a stress-buster has become an enduring passion because, when friends heard of his *paella*, orders started streaming in.

Singer Ayen Munji-Laurel ordered two *paellas* one weekend. She later sent Louie this text message: "It's the best!"

"That means a lot to me," Louie beams, "because Ayen has dined in the most expensive restaurants in the world."



LOUIE prefers to cook his specialty over charcoal.

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SIX BASEBALL caps from near and far, including a black Von Dutch and a pink one from New York.



JUST six pairs from her extensive footwear collection; she got the white winter boots for \$5 in New York.

Imeldific in the making

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
Photos by Romy Homillada

NOW, THAT'S A SHOE RACK. Singer-actress Jennylyn Mercado owns so many pairs that an entire room in her house has been converted into a walk-in closet.

The rack has at least 19 levels, displaying but a portion of Jennylyn's extensive footwear collection. A glossy magazine figures that there were hundreds of pairs in there.

Is Jennylyn a La Imeldific in the making? Not really. Mommy Lydia says Jennylyn gives away lots of shoes and clothes to friends in Las Piñas every Christmas.

SHOES

Although she's a self-confessed shopaholic, Jennylyn can be frugal. She insists that most of her sneakers were gifts from Converse, a wardrobe sponsor. "These styles are not available in the market and were especially made for me. Most of them come in my favorite colors—like red and mint green. One pair even has my picture on it!" When Jennylyn was working on "I Luv NY," she bought white winter boots in the Big Apple. "They were on sale. I got the pair for only \$5," she recounts. A pair of bronze boots that she

OUT OF THE CLOSET

had also bought in New York was painted black and used as part of her costume as a futuristic warrior woman in last year's adventure flick "Super Noypi." "They just removed the fur. I needed a pair that fit me well so I wouldn't have a hard time in fight scenes."

SCENTS

Jennylyn also collects scents—with a passion. A favorite is Eclat d'Arpege by Lanvin for Women. "As you can see,



INSTALLED in her bedroom is a case with glass doors—to showcase her different passions.

There's just no biz like shoe biz for Jennylyn Mercado

I like it a lot; the bottle's almost empty," she quips. A close second is Bulgari.

She says she has accumulated over a hundred bottles of perfume. To keep her scents collection orderly, she had a case with glass doors installed in her bedroom, to showcase her collection of perfume bottles, shades, watches, accessories and angel figures. "I am just starting to collect shades and angel figures," she says.

CLOTHES

Being in show biz, she is required to be always trendy.



THIS black top from Jen's still has its tag on.

MINT green Converse sneakers are emblazoned with her picture.



A CHRISTMAS present from boyfriend Patrick Garcia



AN ENTIRE room in the house has been converted into a walk-in shoe closet.



AMONG her favorite bag brands are Louis Vuitton, Coach and Roxy.

flect my personality. For me, comfort is key."

STUFFED TOYS

Like most celebrities, she receives lots of stuffed toys from fans and admirers.

"My bedroom used to be filled with toys, but I had to put them in boxes because I'm allergic to dust," she says.

Quite tellingly, there are only two toys in the bedroom. On her bed is a red toy dog, fellow "Starstruck" winner Mark Herras' Christmas gift.

The latest addition to her toy collection is a white teddy bear—a holiday present from current boyfriend and "Angels" partner Patrick Garcia.

BAGS, BELTS & CAPS

She has amassed a variety of bags, belts and caps.

Lots of bags are gathering dust, Jennylyn admits, but her faves—the Louis Vuitton, Coach and Roxy body bag—she uses often.

She has also picked up lots of headgear, from a black Von Dutch to a pink baseball cap from New York, on her trips abroad.

Her closet is packed with all sorts of belts.

"All these are job requirements," she quips.

BELTS

are "job requirements." In the closet are stacks of clothes; some in unopened packages.

Mommy Lydia volunteers, "She has yet to wear some of them." Indeed, quite a number of tops and skirts still have their tags on.

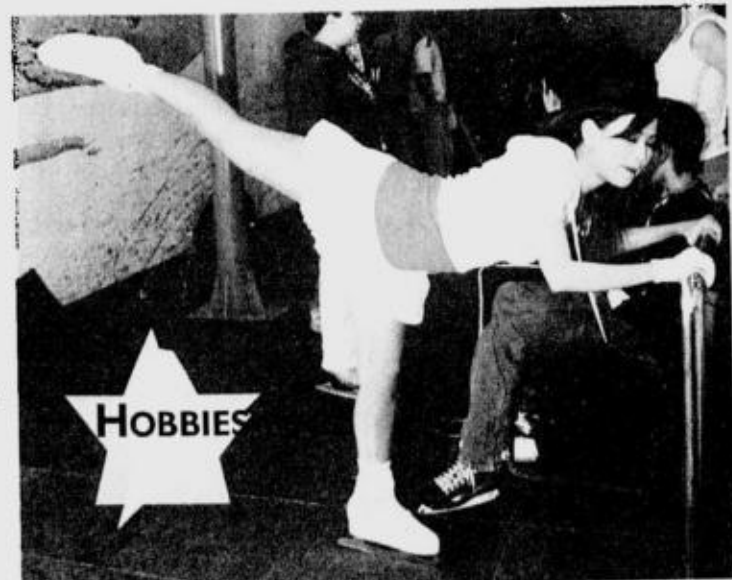
Jennylyn has a lot of stuff from the shop she co-owns, Jen's, exclusively carried by the store Finds, which has two branches—in Star Mall Las Piñas and Edsa.

"I'm into casual, sporty clothes," she says. "My choices re-

SAY ALONZO: Figure skating

FORMER "PINOY BIG Brother" housemate Say Alonzo is currently hooked on figure skating. She has been spending time on the rink for weeks now and says she enjoys every minute of it. "Sobra-sobrang enjoy talaga!" exclaims Say. "Not everyone can balance on ice, so I feel a sense of accomplishment doing the difficult routines. I even turn down some jobs so I can have time to skate."

Her skating partner, Carl Moreno (shown with her in photo), says the former cheer leader is a "very determined skater; she's serious." Trainer Ana Carolina Benitez adds, "Say is the most fashionable skater I've ever seen. Coordinated lahat ang suot



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niya." Say explains: "Of course I have to look good all the time, so that even if I fall, I would still look beautiful." She knows whereof she speaks, having fallen many times before. But

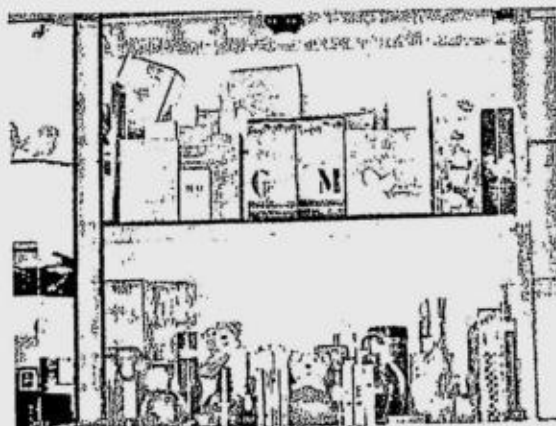
Carl is always around to rescue her. "Mas napapagod pa ako sa pagpulot kay Say kaysa pag-skate," joked the 15-year-old.

Armin Adina
PHOTO BY RUDY ESPERAS



WITH her skating partner Carl Moreno

SHE HAS amassed over a hundred bottles of perfume; her fave is Eclat.



FAVORITE NOOKS

LJ REYES

MY FAVORITE NOOK IN OUR HOUSE IS MY bedroom. It's very relaxing in my room. If you notice, I didn't put a TV set here because I don't want to be tempted to watch all the time—when I should be resting or studying. I'm a TV addict kasi. I designed my bedroom, mini-kitchen and walk-in closet—two rooms that I had converted into one. I

decorated the mini-kitchen's sink with seashells and white sand and installed Roman shades over the windows. I want my room to look like a beach house. The director's chair I use for the study table was a gift from the "Starstruck" staff.

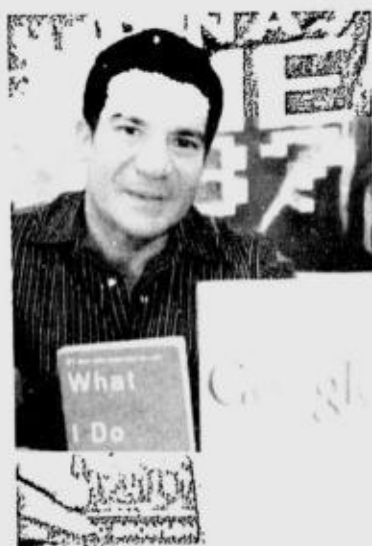
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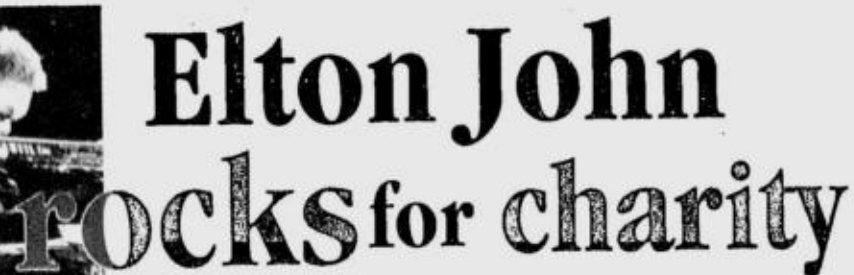
EDU MANZANO

I LOVE READING IN THE CAR. My driver, who has been with me for 25 years, already knows what to do when we're on the road. We don't talk. It's not true that the lenses of the eyes suffer when you read on the road; but the eyes get strained, yes. My current favorite is "The Google Story" by David A. Vice and Mark Malseed. It's about two young entrepreneurs who, one day, said: "Hey, why don't we go against the giants?" They had no money, just ideas.

They took the risk, gave up everything and came up with Google, now the biggest search engine in the world. This book is very inspiring. Everyone should read it. My other favorite book is titled "What Should I Do With My Life?" by Po Bronson. It simply tells us how we should all embrace change as part of growing up, but to hold on to snippets of good ideas imparted to us.

Marinel R. Cruz





THE "Rocket Man" at the Independence Square in the Ukranian capital. REUTERS

"I am here to support you all against AIDS," the singer told his 200,000-strong audience, which included President Viktor Yushchenko, Ukraine's former leader Leonid Kuchma, Russian envoy Viktor Chernomyrdin and top government officials.

Volunteers handed out condoms and leaflets detailing contacts for HIV testing and counseling centers before the concert, which was broadcast live on Ukrainian television.

Elton John set up his AIDS Foundation in 1992, as the British singer and composer was "horrified and angered at the magnitude of HIV/AIDS, and at how little was being done to help those affected by the virus," his website said.

Honoring friends

The foundation funded 23 AIDS- and HIV-related projects in Ukraine over the past six years with more than \$2.6M.

"This concert will enable us to fund future projects for around the same amount," Elton John was quoted by the website as saying.

The concert also honored the singer's friends Olena Franchuk, Kuchma's daughter, and her husband Viktor Pinchuk, who pledged a \$2.5M grant to the foundation.

Also, Franchuk's ANTIAIDS Foundation earlier this year joined forces with Elton John's fund to launch a five-year project due to help HIV-positive children and their families.

Pinchuk, a tycoon who owns a number of large, mostly metallurgical enterprises, is also owner of a contemporary art center, where photos from Elton John's private collection went on display Friday. **AFP**

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Getting to know Jesse Bradford, lead star of the US remake of Yam Laranas' 'Sigaw'

LOS ANGELES—JESSE BRADFORD, star of the US remake of Yam Laranas' "Sigaw" ("The Echo"), may soon be named Hollywood's prince of remakes.

By coincidence, Jesse top-bills another American remake of an Asian movie, South Korea's "My Sassy Girl."

When we interviewed Jesse last October for Clint Eastwood's "Flags of Our Fathers," our Korean colleague asked him if he had seen the original version of "My Sassy Girl," a romantic comedy. "I am going to watch it really soon," said the actor with a winning smile, during our press con on the Warner Bros. lot in Burbank. "I just bought a DVD at eBay for \$2 (laughter). Actually, \$1.99."

About the "Sassy" remake, which pairs him with Elisha Cuthbert, he said: "People are complaining on the Internet about the fact that it's being remade. They are saying, 'Don't ruin the movie.' I heard that the movie is great. So hopefully, we won't ruin it."

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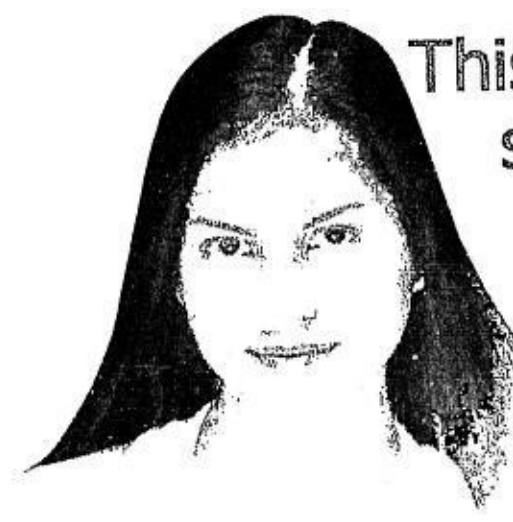
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Asked about all these remakes (he was not yet cast in "The Echo" at the time), Jesse, who studied Film at Columbia University, replied, "As they say, there are only seven stories (in literature) and all that jazz. So many things have been rehashed so many times over the years. I think it's okay, but I don't think there's too much creativity in this business. I'd like to see more originality." Wonder how Jesse feels, now that he is going to do "The Echo," another remake.

We asked him to comment on cinematographer Tom Stern's remark that "Clint is the most articulate nonverbal guy I've met"—a compliment to the actor-director.

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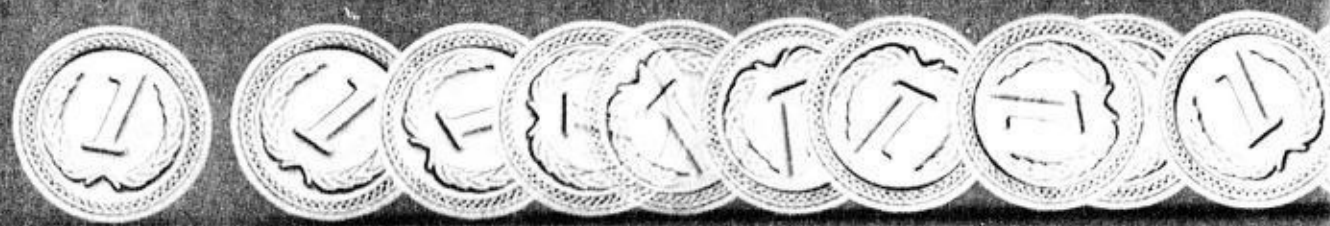
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'Song for You'

SESSIONROAD is flying high with the success of its new single, "Song for You," culled from the album "Bakit Hindi?" The song is a hopeful anthem about the constant possibility of love. The song's music video was filmed in one continuous shot, and directed by Robert Quilao. The band is composed of siblings Hannah, JV and Chavi Romawac, Coy Placido and Richard Carandang.

'Because I Said So'

THE MOTHER-DAUGHTER film, "Because I Said So," is now on video. The movie is about Daphne Wilder (Diane Keaton), a single mother who has raised three great girls—Milly (Mandy Moore), Maggie and Mae.

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Of course, when Milly finds out, she hates the maternal manipulation, even if Daphne did it out of pure motherly love.

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'Sopranos' star returns in Iraq war film

LOS ANGELES—Three months after his notorious blackout farewell from "The Sopranos," actor James Gandolfini will return to HBO with a documentary about wounded US veterans of the Iraq war, the network said on Monday. "Alive Day Memories: Home from Iraq" will debut on the pay-cable TV channel on Sept. 9, featuring Gandolfini's interviews with 10 American GIs about their close brushes with death.

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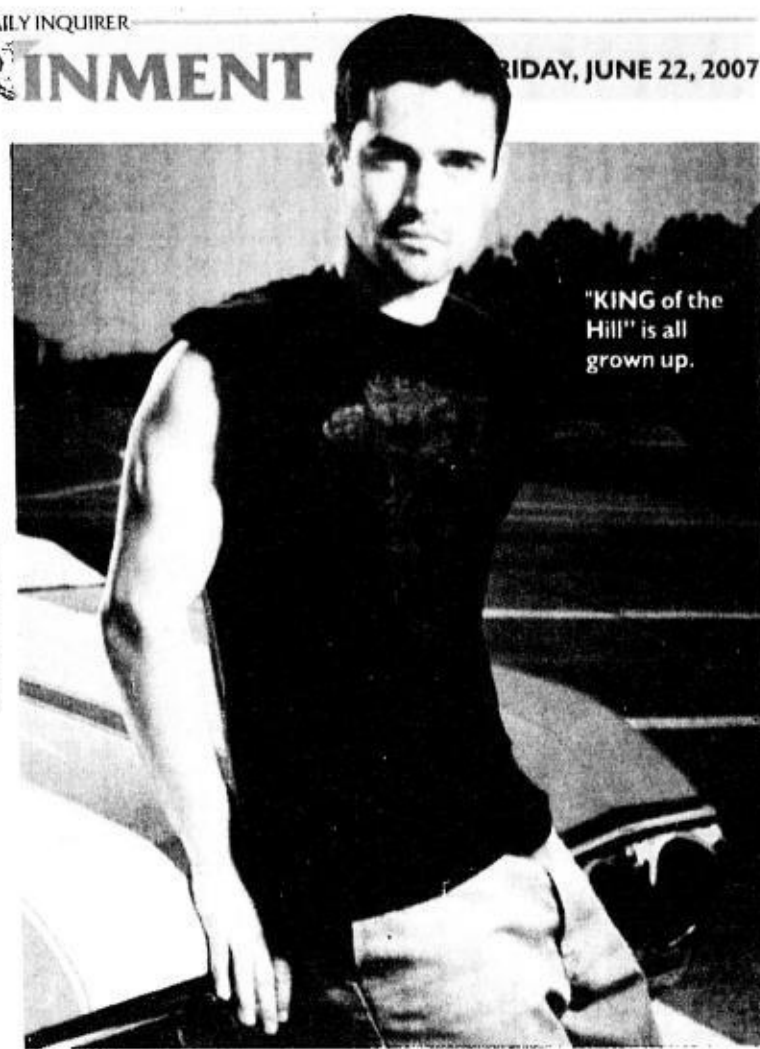
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AS ONE of the stars in Clint Eastwood's "Flags of our Fathers."

Getting to know Jesse Bradford ...

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"KING of the Hill" is all grown up.

tor's quiet yet effective directing style. "Yes, that's well put," Jesse replied. "I like that. I might have to steal that from Tom. It was pretty amazing to work with Clint. His whole crew is mostly people he's worked with before. They're like a Swiss watch. They know how to keep things going. I've never worked in a production where the average workday involved eight hours, sometimes less. In this business, you can pretty much count on at least 12 hours on the set. So that was amazing."

Of his director in "Flags," Jesse added: "Clint has this energy like a jazz musician, which he is. Before I met him, I was thinking, he is going to be a hard-nosed taskmaster. He was not at all. He is this really mellow guy. I picture him like 40 years ago, in the corner of a smoky bar, snapping his fingers while listening to Charlie Parker. That's his energy. It's a leadership kind of energy without having to be assertive at all."

Since "Flags" deals with heroism, Jesse, who appeared in "King of the Hill," "Swimfan" and "Romeo + Juliet" (he was

Balthasar), was asked who his heroes are. "I've always said, Jimi Hendrix and my dad," he said. "It's kind of a weird hodgepodge."

The Connecticut native gushed, "My dad is one of the smartest people I know. When I was growing up, he was a great example to me, on every level, in every way. He was constantly trying to be the best father he could be—that's something not everybody has the fortune of having. I owe him a debt of gratitude. It chokes me up to think about it."

Rock icon

And why does he look up to the legendary, late rock guitarist? Jesse grinned and replied, "Jimi Hendrix for all the completely opposite reasons. Like, because he was such a wild man. I respect his art so much. I've been playing guitar for 15 years. To me, Hendrix is the greatest guitarist who ever lived. I just love his attitude and reckless abandon. I am a Gemini. I guess that's why I have two different sides going on at once. But those are pretty good heroes."

Acting since he was an 8-month-old baby (he debuted in a Q-Tip TV commercial), Jesse claimed he was neither tired nor bored with his show biz career. "I wouldn't be sitting here right now if I was," he declared. "I would find something better to do with my life. I thoroughly enjoy what I do. I feel incredibly lucky that I've got a 27-year-old head start (he turned 28 soon after this interview) on it. I will admit this though—I highly doubt that I would have found acting on my own if it had not just kind of fallen into my life."

He continued, talking about his parents: "They're Terry Porter and Kurt Bradford, not well-known—just hardworking, trying-to-put-food-on-the-table-and-feed-me actors. If you have spent a lot of time in this country, you'd recognize my mom's face, for sure. She did a ton of commercials in the '80s."

Jesse added: "They weren't wealthy. We were lower middle class. My mom was pregnant with me when she was working all the time. My parents saw an opportunity to start building up a college fund. They gave me a lot of opportunities to quit (acting). They don't want to be those parents who are pushing their kids. If anything, they were pulling me back."

Angelina's dad

In a press con for his movie "September Dawn" held last May 30, Jon Voight was asked if there has been a change in his relationship with daughter Angelina Jolie. "No, there hasn't," said the actor. "Everybody, keep saying those prayers. That's the main thing."

Jon, estranged from Angelina since 2002, shared, "Of course, it's not a happy thing but I keep hoping and sending my love. I am proud of all the work she does. I am always sending my love to that little family in any way I can. I say it continuously through the press and all of that. She knows I'm always there for her. If she needs me, I'll be there in a dime. I just hope that one of these days, I'll get a call and hear, 'Hi, dad, it's Angie. Can I come over?' It will be like nothing happened."

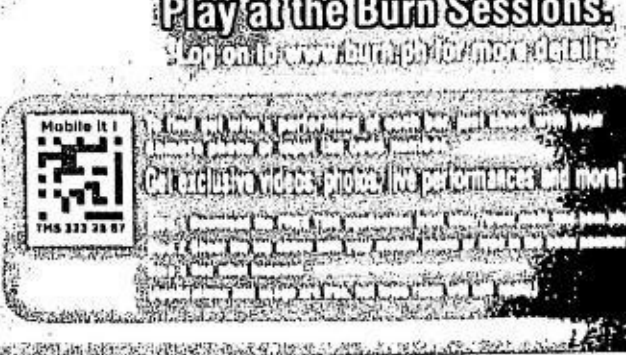
About a week later, when we interviewed the actress, she spoke in a positive tone about her dad. Let's all hope for a reconciliation soon.

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them as suffering from a "husband disease." Together they oversee the management of the careers of their husbands as well as those of over 20 more celebrities.

"We have a staff and a team of managers that oversee the various aspects of their careers from live gigs to television and films to PR, to endorsements but it helps that we are married to artists so we understand other artists as well. Multi-tasking is a must. It is not as specialized as it is in the US. Here, we have to do everything including look for clothes sponsors, but I feel we owe the artists much more. Bookings, we owe them more bookings," relates Angeli.

Both women have to contend with the age gap between them and their husbands. Leo Martinez is older than Gina. But this has not posed any differences as a matter of fact, Gina, a mother of three, handles all international inquiries and logistical requirements in the company as well as visa and immigration concerns, and still makes time to prepare the clothes for her husband for tapings and take her kids to the doctor. Meanwhile, Angeli also has her share of coping with a younger husband with a diabetic condition and her hands full with work. She juggles her schedule between being a mom to three kids as well, being head of Genesis and its sister companies and the administrator of the Shining Light Foundation.

Fun, uproarious interaction and sisterly concern describe the working relationship between Gina and Angeli. The two mischievous partners sometimes distress by texting each other jokes and funny messages. "We call each other ten times a day, and e-mail each other like crazy," they both laugh. Once they even locked Angeli's door during a stressful day and read jokes in a joke book and giggled for about twenty min-

FRIENDS/G2

gina angeli: Friends or foes?

These two attractive women, who talk almost incessantly on every subject thrown at them, are often portrayed as the "witches" and "villainesses" in that fairyland called showbiz.

As talent managers, sisters-in-law Angeli Pangilinan Valenciano and Gina Valenciano Martinez, who jointly run Manila Genesis Entertainment and Management, Inc. often "stand in between" their roster of talents and the horde of people who desperately want a piece of each of their artists.

"I've been called a lot of names. The painful reality of celebrity representation is being dubbed many things you are not," says Angeli, also a board member of CBN Asia and Operation Blessing, Diabetic Foundation, among many others. She constantly gets the flak for being seemingly over-protective with artists represented by Genesis, which after all is her main job. "We respect the convictions of our artists and do not impose our own but encourage them to fight for what they believe in. Some people take it against us. They think we're difficult. We are equally frustrated because we believe that contracts are made to be honored not broken!"

Most of the negative things said about Genesis stem from "misinterpretation" or "lack of information" or things said "out of context" on the part of the producers or even members of the media. The falsehood is often propagated because of pre-conceived perceptions.

One firm example is the way the media treated Angeli 23 years ago for getting pregnant and involved with Gary, when the artist referred to as "Mr. Pure Energy" was still beginning his career in 1984. Angeli, a student leader, sportswoman and BSBA marketing major from the University of the Philippines, then 24 years old, reacted to the negative stories that drove her nearly to take her own life. "That was the absolute worst time in my life. My family was once the model family of the year for La Salle Greenhills."

"The notion was that Angeli was the bad girl who got herself pregnant and stole Gary from her younger sister," says Gina, a former Penthouse Seven dancer and alumna of Hotlegs. "They were on for two months! Gary apparently fell in love with me first but I had a boyfriend and I matched him with my sister! It was a merry-go-round. Then he told me he loved me. The stress was horrible then because a lot of people judged me without interviewing me first," explained Angeli.

"With what happened to Angeli - pregnancy and all that - there's a stigma with her being the wife of Gary. She became a villain to so many people. Although the stigma has rubbed off through the years, it has not been easy for her. We have had to deal with that for a long time," says Gina who has always been quick to defend her sister-in-law and partner.

So much for the bad press. Let's turn the table around and try to see Angeli and Gina, these supposedly "villainous" women, in a different light - the perspective of heroines, the characters who suffered much but in the end found both reward and vindication.

"But God is good, and vindication," to Angeli, "is a 23-year old solid marriage to Gary with 3 beautiful and talented children, a 21-year old company and a partner (Gina) who has been with me for 21 years. And of course, the artists and staff who continue to remain with us."

The Genesis roster remains to be one of the most respected and impressive in the country today. The duo represent many of the best in the business: Anthony Pangilinan, Gary Valenciano, Jericho Rosales, Donita Rose, Hilda Koronel, Maricel Laxa, Jamie Rivera, Heart Evangelista, Nanette Inventor, Leo Martinez, Karylle, Candy Pangilinan, Gabriel Valenciano, G Tongi, Princess Punzalan, Mico Aytona, Carla Martinez, Champagne Morales, Mandy Ochoa, Ceej Mercado, Salamin (band), Paeng Nepomuceno and Elma Muros.

Rewards for working in showbiz land come in many forms for both Gina and Angeli, who somehow have gathered enough years and experience to make them tough, formidable and sharp to stand firm and principled in the loose entertainment world, where personal lives are viewed like through a fishbowl.

"There is still so much to learn and we are blessed with many colleagues who are always there to encourage us when we make mistakes and who help us out all the time," Angeli proudly says.

"I have learned not to believe everything I read or hear," Angeli quips. "I always want to give the benefit of the doubt. I have made mistakes in the past by having made judgments based on write-up and rumors. Respect, integrity and word of honor are sorely lacking in the business. Responsible journalism as well," laments Angeli.

As managers and at the same time having celebrity husbands, Angeli describes the two of

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Friends or foes?

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utes. They text each other when they watch funny production numbers on television or scold each other when one of them makes a mistake. "Prayer has also kept us strong and grounded though. That is one thing that is non-negotiable for us. We pray about everything," states Angeli. "Our working relationship is terrible," says an amused Gina. "My gosh, we always argue. That's why Genesis is still here. Angeli handles the business and marketing and finance side while I'm into production. I put a project together, prepare the budget and then give it to Angeli. Here, go find the money." "And then we fight about the budgets. I am always trying to bring it down. Then I get accused of being difficult!" says Angeli. "I'm easy but Angeli has more patience, and everyone is her friend!!!!" says Gina.

"I'm a no-nonsense person. And then my temper is bad. It's better that she handles certain issues," says Gina. "Latin kasi sila ni Gary. But Gina is so efficient. Too efficient. For me, Gina has an armor of steel covering a heart of gold, sheer gold." Says Angeli. "Many have tried to create intrigues

between us and sometimes we believe but God has preserved our team. Love and honesty prevailed."

See how they compliment and complement each other?

These female dynamic duo of the showbiz land enjoy their work immensely, not only managing talents and mounting concert and entertainment projects together but in being able to interact effectively with both talents and staff. Gina says most of their meetings with artists take so long because the artists do impromptu performances that amuse the Genesis staff, aside from sharing showbiz "tsismis." Jericho Rosales' text messages are so funny, they always manage to lessen the stress of the two partners when they land on their cellphones.

"You know what's nice about Genesis, we're really like a family. One of the things that keep me going is the staff that has been with us from the beginning, and of course the trust of the artists," fondly shares Angeli.

In 1984, she called Gina, who was then residing in the US to help her in managing Gary under Classified Entertainment, a company she formed with

Sandra Chavez and some friends. Angeli had introduced Gary to Sandra and produced Gary's first Tavern concert with her savings and did personal management for some time for the budding artist. But she felt she needed help big-time. Gary said big-sister Gina was the person he wanted. Gina flew to Manila. That year Angeli gave birth. While Angeli was busy with her new family, Gina and the Classified team handled Gary's career. Gary's career soared. Then they decided to move on and Genesis was formed in 1986 by Angeli and Gina to manage Gary's career. Eventually, many other artists joined their stable. Gary then formed GV Productions to handle his personal management and productions. They then formed Manila Alpha Genesis Publishing with Mike Jamir at the helm to represent songs and songwriters.

The formation of Genesis comes in tandem with Angeli's and Gary's "renewal with the Lord," the guiding principle that "runs" the company. Although Gina says that they do not require "renewal" among artists, they have certain limitations: their artists won't go bold, or use sex or violence to promote themselves.

"The concept when you say you're renewed or born again, santo ka na dapit. People don't realize that we still make mistakes," says Gina. They partner with artists who are both God-fearing and aiming for perfection in their craft.

"We have a mission statement that we will use the talent that God has given to us for his glory. It's a guide that we want excellence and integrity in the projects we choose to do. We are just pipes after all. The Lord is the source of all talent and blessings. So we tell the artists better un-clog your pipes so the floodgates will open!!!!" says Angeli. Their company also practices tithing where a portion of their gross income goes to the Shining

Light Foundation.

Angeli hopes for a more professional showbiz industry. An industry that will rise above issues, lessen conflict of interest and 'just unite' for the greater good of all. "We have the best singers, directors and artists in Asia. We should stop the 'pwede na' attitude and go for 'greater things.' Why producers settle for mediocrity when we can excel saddens me."

"A lot of people have gotten jaded in this industry and it's sad. Because once you're jaded, you lose a part of your soul," says Angeli. She realizes though that the industry has a lot of limitations given the economic situation today and the ills that plague the industry. She

borrowed a phrase written on a book she read in an airplane... "In matters of principle, stand firm as a rock. In matters of taste, go with the flow." The statement sums up a part of her personality, a personality reflected on the rest of Genesis.

"While we aim for greatness, we do not want to step on others so we just want to do great things and create positive change within the sphere of influence we have," adds Angeli. "We all have our quirks. We go with the flow, but not necessarily compromise," adds Gina, almost in unison with Angeli.

For more information on Genesis, please check www.manilagenesis.com. For inquiries, call 721-4405 local 211, 200,104,103.



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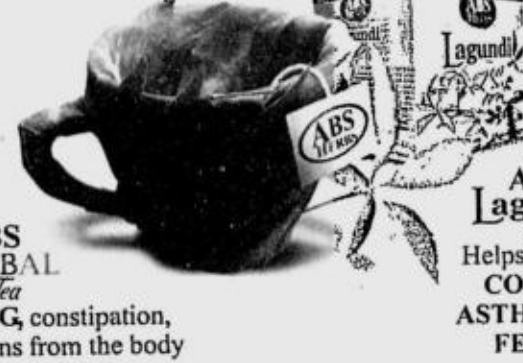
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What it takes to lead Philamlife

THERE IS A LOT THAT PHILAMLIFE president and chief executive officer Jose L. Cuisia Jr can smile about as the company celebrates its triumphant 60th year.

"We are still the largest and we have been the leader in the life insurance industry for over six decades," says Cuisia who joined the company in 1993. "The fact that we have maintained our leadership in the last 60 years is by itself a major accomplishment," he adds.

The figures speak for themselves. The company has the largest capital base (over P38 billion in net worth as of 2005) and the largest network of 200 offices and sales agencies and more than 8,000 sales agents, financial planners, and financial advisers throughout the country.

Cuisia points out: "We have solidified our leadership. As a result, we have remained number one in terms of total premium and net operating income. We are the biggest in terms of investment assets. We also have the largest agency force in the country."

Cuisia says the company started the year-long celebration by launching four new life insurance products in December last year and another one last March. The company also started an aggressive sales campaign in January this year with sales rallies not just in Metro Manila but in key cities and provinces across the country.

The five new life insurance products are Brilliance (educational plan), Leisure (retirement plan), Longevity (pension builder), Abundance (variable life insurance) and Bounty (participating endowment plan).

He explains: "We call them the new generation products because they cater to current insurance needs. They are more affordable, more flexible, with a number of options thus giving our consumers more choices. With our new products, we not only offer protection but also attractive yields. We have what we call investment-linked products. So in addition to insurance protection, the products also have an investment aspect. The equity markets have done very well and clients can benefit from that. In the past, we didn't have these kinds of products." The five new products are doing well-registering the highest

number of applications only two months after they were introduced in the market.

Cuisia also notes that Philamlife, the company's pre-need subsidiary, also has the strongest balance sheet of any pre-need company. Philamlife has remained remarkably stable even as two pre-need companies crashed.

As an industry trailblazer, Philamlife was the first to introduce a dollar-denominated life insurance policy in 1996. With its numerous other innovations, it was small wonder that awards and citations poured on Philamlife.

FVR citation

On its 50th year in 1997, the company received a presidential citation from President Fidel V. Ramos. Philamlife is the only financial institution to be given such recognition. In 2005, Philamlife won a Marketing Excellence Award from the University of Asia and the Pacific. The company also received citations from the Life Office Management Association (Loma) Excellence in Education in Atlanta, Georgia-one for its training and development program and another for its micro-insurance products catering to lower income groups. The Philippines is the only country in the world to receive this distinction for 12 consecutive years. Most importantly, for a company built on people's trust, is its consumer recognition that matters the most: In the past four years, the company has consecutively won two Superbrands and two Trusted Brand Platinum Awards from a consumer survey conducted by Reader's Digest Asia. Philamlife is the only financial institution with the distinction and the only life insurance company in the country conferred a Trusted Brand Award Platinum Award.

The individual awards for the CEO also poured in from all quarters naming him the Raul Locsin Business Awards in 2003 CEO of the Year; the Asia Insurance Review's 2005 Asia Insurance Personality of the Year; the Manuel L. Quezon Awardee for exemplary governance in 2006 and the Distinguished La Sallian Award also in 2006.



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The CEO is not about to get the credit for himself when asked about the management style that maintained Philamlife's number one position.

He opines: "I have always felt that that I am in this company to guide and coordinate because it is really the management team that is supervising the whole company. We work very much as a team and practice what is called a participative style of management because I certainly don't know everything. So I listen not just to the officers but also to the employees. Everyone has a part and must be involved in planning what to do for the future. My role on the other hand is comparable to that of an orchestra conductor who ensures that there is harmony among the musicians."

From Cuisia's experience, what does it take to lead in any highly competitive industry? "We need responsive products that presuppose focus and attention to the customers."

You also need from hard work, knowledge of your market, a responsible work-force and a devoted management team. Cuisia puts a big premium on trust and providing values to policyholders. "At its core, insurance is a promise that is fulfilled 10 to 30 years down the line. What you are selling is a commitment, a covenant."

As the company strives to live up to the expectations of policyholders, Cuisia stresses the role that employees and distribution networks play in the company's success. "Happy employees serve customers well. If your employees are unhappy, certainly they cannot serve the customers very well. Our employees are happy. As proof we have employees who have been with us for more than 50 years and some of them are still active and will get awards during our 60th anniversary. Many of our young employees are second-generation Philamlifers. We give employees very good training and this is probably the reason why many of them are being pitted by other insurers."



3RD LOPEZ-MNTC-GAWAD KALINGA VILLAGE

The Lopez-led Manila North Tollways Corp (MNTC), in collaboration with Gawad Kalinga (GK) Foundation, is building another housing village for indigent families residing near the North Luzon Expressway in keeping with its corporate social responsibility. The MNTC donated P2.5 million for the construction of 40 houses at the 3rd Lopez-MNTC-GK Village in Pandi, Bulacan. This brought to P7.5 million the company's total financial assistance to GK's housing program. Earlier, MNTC donated P5 million for the first and

second housing projects established in Marilao, Bulacan and Valenzuela City with 50 family-beneficiaries apiece. MNTC president Jose de Jesus (4th from right) leads the groundbreaking rites for the Pandi village. Flanking him are GK leader Jose Ma. Montelibano and MNTC vice president for corporate communications Marlene N. Ochoa. Also shown are MNTC senior consultant Rene Banares (2nd from right) and St. Nazarene Homeowners' Association officers led by Gloria Miranda (left) and Pablito Villa (right).



INVENTOR SPEAKS AT LIVELIHOOD SEMINAR

Inventor Arsenio Navarro Jr, right, accepts a plaque of recognition from Dr. Rodrigo I. Malunhao, left, president of Universidad de Manila, and Dr. Rodolfo A. Taringting, UM vice president, for being the guest speaker at a re-

cent livelihood seminar. Navarro was also given an invention and technology award. In the background are Catalina Navarro, his sister, and his brother Msgr. Federico V. Navarro, the first Filipino priest-inventor.

'Istrokan Natin Ang Stroke' at St. Luke's

Brain stroke is the number two killer disease worldwide, killing 20 million people every year. Of this number, 5 million are in Asia, making it the number one killer in the region and the leading cause of disability. Important information about stroke will be discussed during the lay forum titled "Istrokan Natin Ang Stroke" on June 23 at the

Auditorium 1 of the Cathedral Heights Building of St. Luke's Medical Center in Quezon City. The forum is conducted by the St. Luke's Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Interested parties can call the St. Luke's Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at 723-0101/0301 ext. 5415/4177.

EUCI FIREFIGHTERS OF BASILAN CELEBRATE 1ST YEAR

EUCI firefighters of Isabela, Basilan, led by Pastor Ronald Paulino, proudly pose with their fire trucks as they commemorate their 1st anniversary today. EUCI is the only firefighting group in Isabela equipped with three brand-new fire trucks donated by US-based citizens. EUCI is a community-based volunteer group with the sole goal of protecting Isabela and nearby towns against fire.



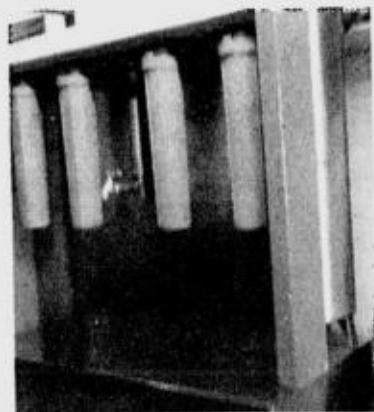
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IIEE's NCR conference and GMM at PTTC

THE INSTITUTE OF INTEGRATED Electrical Engineers of the Philippines Inc (IIEE) will hold its 2007 NCR Conference and General Membership Meeting from June 25 to 27 at the Philippine Trade Training Center, Pasay City with over 9,000 active members from the NCR and about 1,000 board passers. Now on its third year, the conference is being organized to cater to the professional development and information needs of IIEE members. Exhibit display, technical sessions, product presentations, electricians' forum, skills olympics, sports tournament, plant tours and a job fair will be available for delegates. For details, call IIEE at 722-7383, 727-3552, 412-5772 or 414-5626.

Why men need milk

WE HAVE ALWAYS HEARD IT SAID THAT women, especially those who are pregnant and lactating, have to drink milk because they have the greater need for calcium. In a recent radio interview about milk and lactose intolerance, Dr. Meriam Isla established the fact that smoking and alcohol, coupled with stressful living, robs the body of calcium.

Data shows that these habits are more prevalent in men. Called "calcium robbers", these habits usually are what trigger heart disease in men. Isla says, "Calcium plays an important role in the proper beating of the heart muscle. With this fact, everyone should seriously consider putting milk back in their diet. This is especially true for Filipino men who equate drinking milk to women and children. The other prevailing reason why men stay away from milk is lactose intolerance".

Lactose intolerance is prevalent among Asians, and Filipinos are not exempt. Symptoms range from simple nausea, bloating and flatulence to cramps and diarrhea. Since men are the primary breadwinners, they are more often outside the home. The symptoms of lactose intolerance, therefore, pose a major inconvenience for them.

With the introduction of Lacteeze Chewable Lactase Enzyme Tablets in the Philippine market, the problem of lactose intolerance now seems to be a thing of the past. When you chew this mint-flavored tablet five minutes before you take any dairy product, the symptoms of lactose intolerance are avoided for three hours and one can enjoy the benefits of drinking milk and eating dairy products. Available without any prescription, Lacteeze is in all Mercury Drug and other leading drugstores, nationwide.



MALAYAN BANK NEWEST KABISIG OF ASIANLIFE

As a new partner of the Kabisig Program, AsianLife's advocacy for entrepreneurship, Malayan Bank will be the provider of financial assistance for various employees who seek to enroll into any of Kabisig Program's micro enterprise offerings via the bank's Power Assist Salary Loan Program. Shown are first row from left: Philip S. Madrigal, SVP Malayan Bank; George J. Mar-

tirez, president and CEO, Malayan Bank; Eulogio A. Mendoza, president and CEO, AsianLife; Marcelino V. Dallo Jr, SAVP, AsianLife. Second row, from left: From Malayan Bank, John M. Villanueva, Marie H. Bagunu, Anna N. Martinez; From AsianLife, Modesta P. Mammud, lawyer Raul M. Hebron, Rel T. Abrazado, and Leo S. Er-sando.



MALAYAN COLLEGES LAGUNA SUPPORTS DEPED

PetroEnergy Resources Corp champions the enhancement of secondary public education in Region 4 by participating in the Department of Education's Adopt-A-School Program. The company hopes to help DepEd address the perennial shortages of quality infrastructure of a better learning system through this initiative. For this endeavor, Malayan Colleges Laguna (MCL), together with PetroEnergy Resources Corp, tapped ABS-CBN Foundation Inc's (AFI) E-Media Teacher Training

Program to provide assistance and module training to MCL, which it has identified to be an excellent venue for learning. AFI's Teacher Training is a comprehensive program on integrating educational television, from lesson planning through classroom lecture. Shown sealing the agreement are, from left: Zen Dimalanta, E-Media program director; Milagros Reyes, PetroEnergy Resources Corp president; DepEd Undersecretary Franklin Sunga, and Reynaldo Vea, MCL president and CEO.